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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.55	10.20	11.45	12.10	1.35	2.00	3.25	3.50	5.15	5.40	7.05
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.00	8.25	8.50	10.15	10.40	12.05	12.30	1.55	2.20	3.45	4.10	5.35	6.00	7.25
Taipei ...Dep.	7.10	8.35	9.00	10.25	10.50	12.15	12.40	2.05	2.30	3.55	4.20	5.45	6.10	7.35
TaipeiMarket ...Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.10	10.35	11.00	12.25	12.50	2.15	2.40	4.05	4.30	5.55	6.20	7.45
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	9.20	10.45	11.10	12.35	13.00	2.25	2.50	4.15	4.40	6.05	6.30	7.55
Shumshan ...Dep.	7.40	9.05	9.30	10.55	11.20	12.45	13.10	2.35	3.00	4.25	4.50	6.15	6.40	8.05
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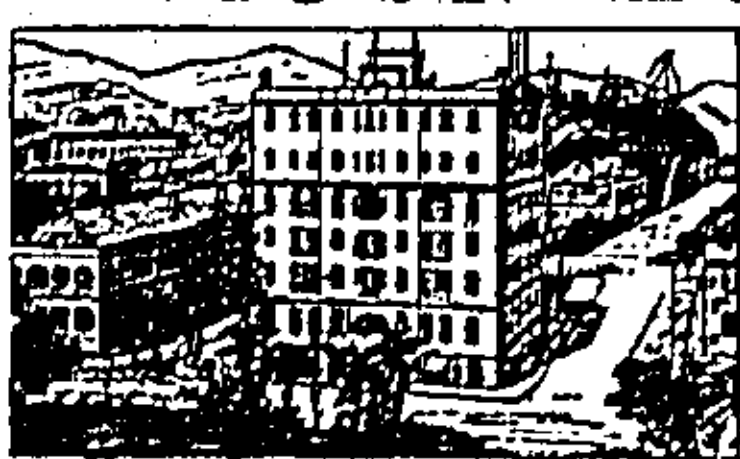
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A CHANGE IN PUBLIC
ATTITUDE.

HOW THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW CRAMPED THE DOCTOR.

The demise of the late Emperor Taisho and the automatic accession to the Throne of his son have revealed significant new tendencies in the attitude of the people towards the Ruling House of Japan. The funeral proved an excellent means for showing the sentimental side of the Japanese character, and the vast crowds present, together with the solemnly-sublime, old-fashioned funeral rites, impressed the observer with the exceptional influence that the Ruling House of Japan still wields over the people. But, at the same time, great changes have taken place in the people's psychology since the Great War and it is far from over-exaggeration to say that the younger generation to-day no longer subscribe seriously or sincerely to the old belief that the Ruler is divine.

The official conception of the divine character of the Mikado is as follows: From ancient times, the belief has persisted—it has been interwoven into the social fabric of the nation—that the Rulers of the country are divine; when an Emperor dies, his divine quality is elevated from an earthly state to a heavenly one and the latest to be so elevated joins his ancestors in presiding over the safety of the Imperial Family and of the nation. This is the conservative view, and this became clear during the late Emperor's illness.

Court physicians were at first unable to render up-to-date medical treatment to the ailing Mikado, because of the persistent belief that the Ruler's body was sacred. Ten days before his actual demise, hope for the late Emperor's recovery was abandoned, but, according to Dr. Iriyawa, modern medical treatment held out some vestige of confidence. However, Dr. Iriyawa who was chief court physician, declared that the medical men concerned should be allowed a free hand. There was considerable demur among the courtiers for this impudent bold departure from the ancient "sacred" tradition.

The Empress and the Crown Prince (Prince Regent) were, however, the first to give their consent and other members of the Imperial Family followed suit. This proved that, in many respects, Japan's Imperial House is far more progressive than the statesmen who have been chosen to guide it. His late Majesty had to be fed by means of a rubber tube and other medical devices were resorted to which would have been impossible for say, the Emperor Meiji. As regards the Emperor Meiji, Baron Genkei Oka, who was his chief medical attendant, administered an injection. This so aroused Conservative fanatics that, for some considerable time, Dr. Oka's life was in danger.

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The new circular Underground station at Piccadilly-circus is nearing completion, and, when finished, will provide a circular subway with entrance at various points, so that pedestrians will be able to avoid the present hazardous method of crossing the circus at the surface. It is estimated that 50,000,000 persons will pass through the subway in the course of a year.

One of the most interesting features of the new subway will be a series of display windows covering all the available space around its circumference. These windows will be used by Swan and Edgars for display purposes, so that persons passing through the subway, instead of seeing only blank walls or the usual posters, will have these interesting windows to attract their attention.

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EFFECTS.

London's latest hotel has been formally opened. It is the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, overlooking Green Park, on a site which is justifiably claimed to be one of the finest in England. Guests are already in residence, but extensions are being made, and when, by the second week in March, the hotel was quite completed, it covered an area of one and a half acres.

At the inaugural dinner, the Mayor of Westminster, who presided, characterised the hotel as the finest and most up-to-date. Speaking of the decorations, Viscount Doneraile said that the directors, instead of running after strange gods, had adopted designs that had stood the test of time. It was possible, he said, to have too much dancing during meals, and what was sought here was to provide good food from England and wines from France.

Smoke Room in 13th Century Style. Among the striking features of the hotel are the Roman lobby lounge, which, with its stone walls, gives an air of spacious repose. Such a setting lends itself to a variety of pleasing effects in furniture and colour schemes, and these are in turn aided by the invisible lighting. This lounge is a central feature, and off it is an old English breakfast room, with its antique oak panelling, with which Jacobean tapestries harmoniously blend. Half-timbered walls and a decorative frieze convey an old-world air. The flooring is in keeping, and the vast open fireplace is a feature of long ago. Chairs of the old Windsor type harmonise, and it is interesting to note that there should be old oak settles. There is, too, a French restaurant, capable of dining 200, and a smoke room where one can rest in real comfort. Here is a faithful reproduction of the old Globe room at the Reindeer Inn, Banbury, the original of which dates back to the thirteenth century. Yet another feature is the ball room, without which, no hotel would now be complete, and there is also the grill room, which has been furnished and decorated in the Louis XIV. style.

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Wednesday.
5th Yearly Meeting Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
16th Annual Meeting of Bank Canton, Ltd., No. 6, Des Voeux Road, 2.30 p.m.

Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Rugby: Annual match between H.K. Rugby Club v. H.K. and S. Bank, Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Principal mails:—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Tango Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday.
43rd Yearly meeting Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong A.D.C. present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

To Secretaries. [Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the Daily Press for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

H.K.O.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Football: H.K.F.C. v. Royal Navy, Happy Valley, 5.15 p.m.
Hockey: Club "A" v. University, King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

Society of St. George Annual Meeting, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Organ Recital, by Mr. F. Mason, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

Lantern Lecture: "Glimpses of Indian Life," by Rev. J. C. Knight, Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, 8 p.m. Service men invited.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Frontier."

World Theatre: "The Lost World."
Star Theatre: "Bride of the Storm," "Waking up the Town."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (Empress of Canada).
Europe via Siberia (Mongolia).
Outward: Australia and New Zealand, etc. (Tasmania), 10.30 a.m.

Saturday.

Entries close for 1st Extra race meeting, noon.

Football and Cricket: Details in Saturday's issue.

Yachting: Service Members' Presented Cup for racing yachts.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.

Macao Inaugural Race Meeting.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Warden and Members of Morrison Hall (University) concert and dance, City Hall, 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Frontier."

World Theatre: "The Lost World."

Star Theatre: "Bride of the Storm," "Waking up the Town."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Mongolia), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Golf: Bogey Pool: H.K. and S. Bank v. Batterfield and Swire, Fanning.

Yachting: Club v. Ladies.

Macao Inaugural Race Meeting (second day).

Chinese Recreation Club annual meeting, Club House, 2.30 p.m.

Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m. (Service men invited).

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (President Madison).
Europe via Suez (Devanah).
Outward: Europe via Suez (Devanah), 9 a.m.

Monday.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.

H.K.O.C. Tennis Tournaments (details in sports column daily).

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Kowloon Golf Club annual meeting, Central British School, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Jascha Hieftetz, Violinist, at Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Adriatic), 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

H.K.O.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

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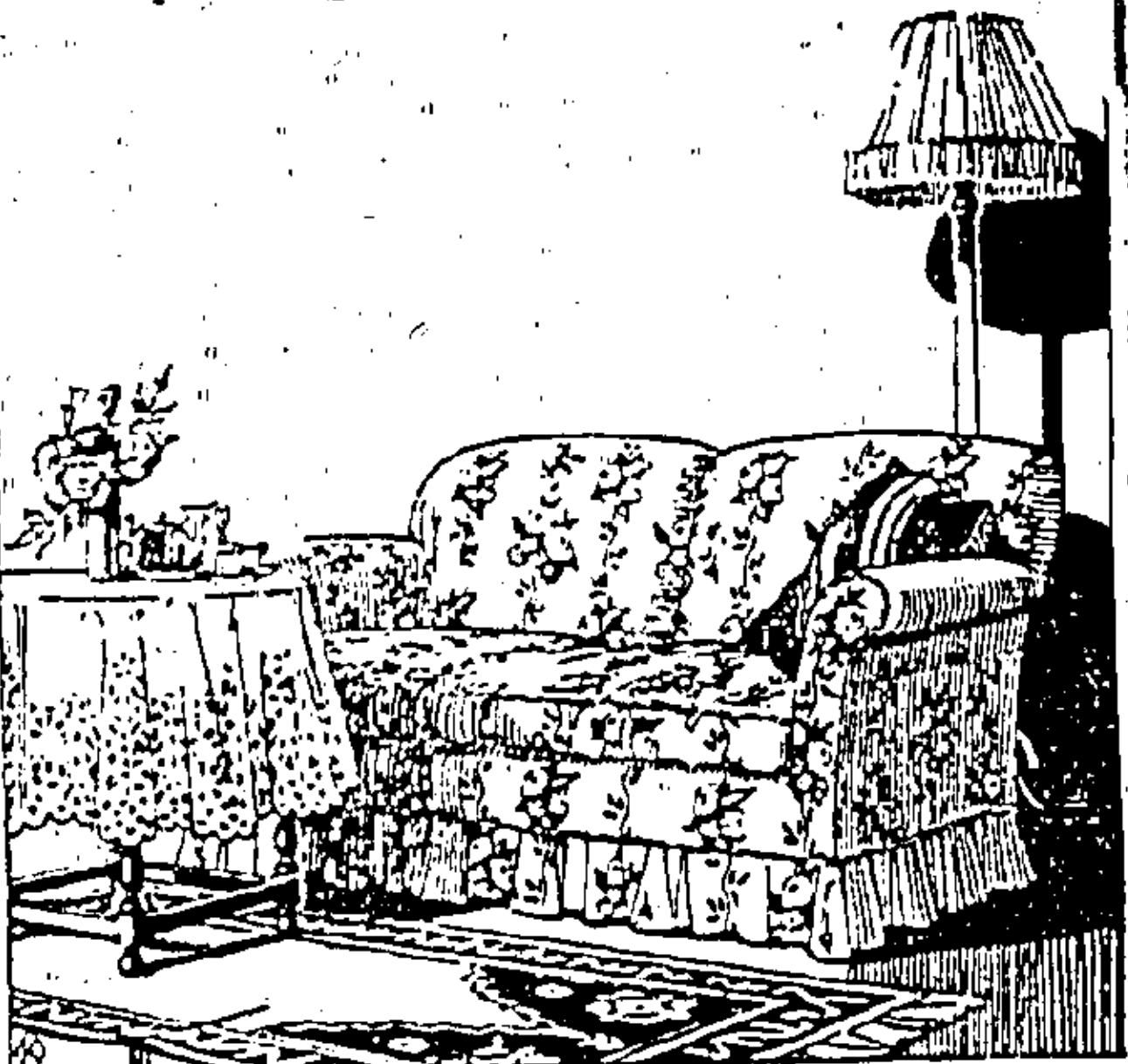
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[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 288.

1.—Recruits Parade.

On Tuesday, March 22nd, all recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Mufti, rifle and bayonet.

2.—Signal Class.

On Thursday, March 24th, at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. On C. Units will detail men whom they wish trained as signallers to attend and submit a list of names of same to Corps Headquarters.

3.—Mounted Infantry Company.

There will be a tactical ride in the Fanning district conducted by 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara. Those wishing to attend should leave Kowloon by the 9.15 a.m. train. This is the last opportunity for riding in the New Territories before the ponies are brought in to Hong Kong on March 23rd.

Dress: Plain clothes. Rifles will not be carried. Compasses, binoculars and note books should be brought, if in possession.

Those wishing to lunch at the "Hunters' Arms" should inform 2/Lieut. Macnamara by Thursday noon, at the latest.

4.—Armoured Car Company.

On Wednesday, March 23rd. Special Class of Machine Gun instruction under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock at 5.30 p.m., for all members of the Mobile Column, A.C. Company. A good attendance is specially requested.

All members of the Motor Cycle Section who can turn out in connection with the Kirkpatrick scheme will parade at Blake Pier on Sunday, March 26th, at 9.15 a.m. with motor cycles. Dress: Mufti. All who can attend notify 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock immediately.

5.—Scottish Company.

Musketry Part I. will be fired on Sunday, March 20th, at Stonecutters Range.

Range Officer: Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 8 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 8.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken. Part I. must be fired in drill order whether over uniform or mufti.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 18th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon; or 2 and 4 p.m.; or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 19th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In order to facilitate entries for Corps Rifle Meeting on April 17th and 18th, it is hoped as many members as possible of the Company will avail themselves of this opportunity of shooting.

Future Programme. A course on the Vickers Gun will be held every Thursday at Corps Headquarters, commencing at 5.30 p.m. and a full attendance at such parade is solicited.

Thursday, March 24th, at 5.30 p.m. No. 5 (Taikoo Platoon) will parade at Taikoo for musketry.

No. 6 (Kowloon Platoon) will parade at Kowloon Docks for musketry.

No. 7 (City Platoon) will parade at Corps Headquarters for Vickers Gun.

Dress for all Platoons: Mufti, rifle and bayonet.

6.—Infantry Company.

No. 4 Platoon (PORTUGUESE COMPANY). The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the above Platoon on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the Company on Sunday, March 27th, at Stonecutters and Peak Ranges.

Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters, between the following hours: Friday, March 25th: 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, March 26th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Stonecutters Range: Launch leaves Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Range Officer: Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell.

Peak Range: Firing will commence at 9.30 a.m.—last train up 9 a.m.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Dress for both ranges: Mufti or uniform optional, but belts, braces and pouches must be taken in addition to rifle and bayonet.

7.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under: No. 1161 Pte. H. A. B. Botelho, No. 4 Platoon, dated March 9th, 1927.

No. 1162 Pte. F. D. Leonard, Reserve Co., dated March 11th, 1927.

No. 1163 Pte. R. G. Xavier, No. 4 Platoon, dated March 14th, 1927.

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CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.

EXTRACTS FROM THE
ANNUAL REPORT.

No. 288.

As mentioned yesterday, the annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club is to be held on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2.30.

The annual report, covering the Club's activities during 1926, has been issued to members in Chinese. From it we give the following extracts:—

The present Chairman is Mr. Ng Sze Kwong; the Hon. Secretary Mr. Chau Kwan Sam, and the Hon. Treasurer Mr. Lau Fook Kee.

The total membership is now 403. The tennis club is divided into A, B, and C teams. Mr. Ng Sze Kwong holds the singles championship, and Mr. Ng Sze Kwong and Mr. Ng Sze Cheung hold the doubles championship of the Club.

In July last, a tennis team went to Macao to play the Portuguese team there; and in October a return match was played on the Chinese Recreation Club's Courts. The C.R.C. won on both occasions.

The above comprise the most important items in the report.

No. 1164 Pte. A. J. V. Ribeiro,

No. 4 Platoon, dated March 14th, 1927.

No. 1165 Pte. L. A. Rosario, No. 4 Platoon, dated March 14th, 1927.

No. 1166 Pte. E. F. Brown, No. 3 Platoon, dated March 15th, 1927.

No. 1167 Pte. H. C. Remedios, No. 4 Platoon, dated March 15th, 1927.

No. 1168 Pte. D. L. Stewart, No. 1 Platoon, dated March 15th, 1927.

No. 1169 Pte. P. M. Baptista, No. 4 Platoon, dated March 15th, 1927.

8.—Promotions and Appointments. The following extract from the Hong Kong Government Gazette dated March 11th, 1927, is repeated:—

(a) H.E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

Second-Lieut. Kenneth Sinclair Morrison to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8th, 1927.

Second-Lieut. John Norrie Owen to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8th, 1927.

Second-Lieut. Arthur Harry Penn to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8th, 1927.

Second-Lieut. Reginald Robert Davies, M.C., M.M., to be Lieutenant, with effect from March 8th, 1927.

Lance-Serjt. Stanley Jarvis, M.C., to be Second-Lieutenant, with effect from March 11th, 1927.

(b) No. 601 Serjt. C. W. Langley, Artillery Company, is promoted to Quarter Master Sergeant, as from March 14th, 1927.

ARMOURER CAR COMPANY. No. 1049 Pte. R. K. Valentine to be Corporal, as from March 11th, 1927.

No. 1057 Pte. T. W. Southam to be Lance-Corporal, as from March 11th, 1927.

No. 877 Pte. F. N. Doodha to be Lance-Corporal, as from March 11th, 1927.

No. 309 Corp. G. H. Cuthill, of the Kowloon Scottish Platoon, to be promoted Sergeant, as from January 1st, 1927.

9.—Transfer. No. 1059 Pte. J. H. M. Andrew is transferred from the Mounted Infantry Company to No. 1 Platoon (Infantry Company), as from March 8th, 1927.

10.—Reversion. No. 682 Corp. W. C. Clark, Armoured Car Company, reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from March 14th, 1927.

11.—Leave. The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 155 Corp. G. B. Layton, Reserve Co., from April 1st to December 31st, 1927.

No. 770 Pte. T. C. Monaghan, No. 1 Platoon, from March 30th to September 30th, 1927.

No. 288 Pte. D. D. Urquhart, No. 2 Platoon, is granted six months' extension of leave from March 1st to August 31st, 1927.

12.—Resignations. The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—

No. 625 Serjt. J. F. W. Plascott, Engineer Co., as from March 19th, 1927.

No. 635 Pte. W. T. Daley, No. 2 Platoon, as from March 11th, 1927.

R. A. Wolffe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hong Kong, March 18th, 1927.

MANCHURIA'S FEARS FOR CHANG TSO LIN.

DISLIKED BUT NECESSARY.

UNEASINESS AT PEKING ADVENTURE.

Writing from Mukden, a special correspondent to the Peking and Tientsin Times presents vividly the uneasiness caused in Manchuria by Chang Tso Lin's participation in Peking affairs. While the old Marshal is not beloved it is recognised that he has kept Manchuria together and that his strong, if heavy handed rule, is very necessary. The article states:—

As the stay in Peking of Marshal Chang Tso Lin is lengthening and indications increase pointing to the likelihood of the ripening of his ambition to assume control of the Peking Government in name, as President or in some similar capacity, as well as in fact, a certain amount of uneasiness is being felt in Manchuria with respect to what may be the consequences in the Three Eastern Provinces.

Generally, the new development is far from popular in Manchuria. The opinion is common that those who are urging Chang Tso Lin onwards are politicians and others who are actuated by personal ambitions, in the hope that they may receive important appointments in Peking which will naturally offer more in the way of prestige and emoluments than can be provincial posts in Manchuria.

The common feeling in Manchuria is, however, that Chang Tso Lin will hardly be wise if he listens to the siren song of these flatterers, first, because history has provided manifold illustrations of the fact that the Presidency never brings anything but a hectic and brief succession of troubles to the individual in charge, and, furthermore, because it is argued that while Chang Tso Lin has proved an efficient head of the Provincial Government in Mukden, where his word is law—in fact, much more than law—and where he was surrounded by persons whom he knew well and whom he was able to control, he will in Peking be surrounded by hosts of men of a far more subtle type than those in the rusticity of his home province, wily politicians who through ingenious intrigue will be able to lead the war lord a dance in the mazes of which his unaccustomed feet will soon be badly entangled.

Chang No Match for Peking Politicians.

Still, the main anxiety felt in Manchuria is not due to any overwhelming solicitude for the personal welfare of Chang Tso Lin, for he can hardly be described as popular. Dissatisfaction is being felt by the population generally owing to the losses which it must suffer through the military and political adventures of its ruler south of the Great Wall. The employment of large armies outside of Manchuria is draining these provinces of men, material and money, and the political manoeuvres in Peking require additional large sums.

Even the foreigners in Manchuria who have in the past been among the most enthusiastic supporters of Chang Tso Lin, do not in favour him as President of China. They argue that while his great native shrewdness and ability to control his entourage have made him a successful ruler of his local domain, he does not possess the training or education required for so lofty a position as the Presidency, especially since he is ignorant of affairs of the foreign politics, being probably quite as innocent of knowledge as he is for instance, Senator Borah of knowledge of China.

The principal reason why the idea of Chang's taking over the Presidency is opposed lies, however, in the possibility of his being eliminated from Manchuria, such as may happen if he becomes swallowed in the abyss of political chaos as has happened to so many former rulers in Peking, and that in such case it is impossible to foretell what will happen in the Three Eastern Provinces.

Real Services to Manchuria.

The possibility that Chang Tso Lin might be replaced in Manchuria, is the main source of worry of the population to-day. Even those who dislike the war lord are awake to the undisputable fact that through his ability to keep the Three Eastern Provinces together under one head the entire region has been spared the warfare, disorder and numerous other vicissitudes which have ravaged most of the remainder of China. While economic conditions have deteriorated and threaten to become even worse just at present, the people of Manchuria realize that they have much to be thankful for when they compare their relatively prosperous condition with that prevailing elsewhere.

Unpopular Chang may be to a very large extent, but the fact that he is holding things together is appreciated. If the people might be sure of obtaining a successor who would be able to maintain united peace and order in all Manchuria, the elimination of Chang would probably cause but few tears, but they fear that such an event may lead to the splitting up of the Three Eastern Provinces into

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March 17th, 1927.

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Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/11 7/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 1/11 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight ... 2/0 7/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ... 2/0 9/16

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/205
Credit, 4 months' sight ... 1/230

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 47 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 49
Credit, at 60 days' sight ... 49

ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/80
Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/80

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/30
Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/30

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank Bills, at sight ... 1/11 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight ... 1/11 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ... 98
ON MANILA.—On demand ... 94 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ... 94 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—On demand ... 118 1/2
ON HAIKOW.—On demand ... 118 1/2
ON HANKOW.—On demand ... 91 1/2
ON SOERABAYA.—On demand ... 91 1/2
Soviet Bank's Buying Rate ... 25 3/16
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ... 25 3/16
SILVER, per oz. ... 25 3/16

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUPEE, March 16th.

Paris ... 124.011
Brussels ... 34.92
Amsterdam ... 12.12 1/2
Berlin ... 20.45
Copenhagen ... 18.22
Vienna ... 34.40
Helsingfors ... 192.9/16
Lisbon ... 2/17 3/32
Rio ... 51
Bombay ... 1/3.1/32
New York ... 4.85.17/32
Geneva ... 25.22
Milan ... 106.11/16
Stockholm ... 18.13
Oslo ... 18.62 1/2
Prague ... 1831
Madrid ... 23.04 1/2
Athens ... 379
Buenos Aires ... 47.9/16
Yokohama ... 2/0
Shanghai ... 2/5
Hong Kong ... 1/11 1/2
Silver (spot) ... 25.3/16
Silver (forward) ... 25

two or more separate divisions, each under its own head, and that as a consequence inter-provincial war with all its horrors may ensue. In spite of manifold drawbacks, Manchuria has progressed marvelously during the past couple of decades, and while such progress has been due mainly to agencies other than the Chinese themselves, it is evident that it would not have been possible at least not to the degree which has been attained, if the strong hand of Chang Tso Lin had not kept the provinces together and kept war out of his domain. So while the people of Manchuria may not love Chang, their fear of a change in conditions actuates them in wishing that he will keep himself safe as ruler of Manchuria rather than stake his career on a dubious game for the mere dross of the Peking Presidency.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 17th, 1927.

R.K. Bank ... \$1.985 buy, & ss.
Do ... \$2.114 nom.
Chartered Bank ... \$2.121 nom.
Maritime Bank, A.B. ... \$2.121 nom.
Do ... \$2.121 nom.
P. & O. Bank ... \$2.121 nom.
East Asia Bank ... \$2.121 nom.
Canton Insurance ... \$2.121 nom.
China Underwriters ... \$2.121 nom.
North China Ins. ... \$2.121 nom.
Union Insurance ... \$2.121 nom.
Yangtze Insurance ... \$2.121 nom.
China Fire Insurance ... \$2.121 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins. ... \$2.121 nom.
Doings ... \$2.121 nom.
Steamboats ... \$2.121 nom.
Hong Kong Tugs ... \$2.121 nom.
Indo-China (Str.) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (Def.) ... \$2.121 nom.
Shell Transports ... \$2.121 nom.
Star Lines ... \$2.121 nom.
Waterboats ... \$2.121 nom.
China Sugars ... \$2.121 nom.
Malacca Sugars ... \$2.121 nom.
Benguet ... \$2.121 nom.
Kailash Mining Ad. ... \$2.121 nom.
Langkate (combined) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (single) ... \$2.121 nom.
S'hai Explorations ... \$2.121 nom.
Shanghai Loans ... \$2.121 nom.
Rauhs ... \$2.121 nom.
Trough Mines ... \$2.121 nom.
Ural Caspian ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks ... \$2.121 nom.
Hingfong ... \$2.121 nom.
New Engineering ... \$2.121 nom.
Shanghai Docks ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. Lands ... \$2.121 nom.
Hong Kong Realty ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. Territories ... \$2.121 nom.
Humphreys Estates ... \$2.121 nom.
Prime's Buildings ... \$2.121 nom.
Kwai Loans ... \$2.121 nom.

Sw6 Cottons ... \$2.121 nom.
Orientals ... \$2.121 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (new) ... \$2.121 nom.
China Buses ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. Tramways ... \$2.121 nom.
Peak Tram (old) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (new) ... \$2.121 nom.
Singapore Tractors ... \$2.121 nom.
Taxis ... \$2.121 nom.
Amusements ... \$2.121 nom.
Canton Loos ... \$2.121 nom.
Cement (combined) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (old) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (new) ... \$2.121 nom.
China Light (comb.) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (old) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (new) ... \$2.121 nom.
China Providents ... \$2.121 nom.
Constructions ... \$2.121 nom.
Laird Farms ... \$2.121 nom.
Der A. Wings ... \$2.121 nom.
H.K. Electric ... \$2.121 nom.
Macao Electric ... \$2.121 nom.
B.K. Ropes (old) ... \$2.121 nom.
Do (new) ... \$2.121 nom.
Lans Crawfords ... \$2.121 nom.
Mackintosh ... \$2.121 nom.
Simcoes ... \$2.121 nom.
United Asbestos ... \$2.121 nom.
Watsons (old) ... \$2.121 nom.
Wm. Foralls ... \$2.121 nom.
Telephones ... \$2.121 nom.
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BOXING.

H.M.S. "HERMES" v. K.O.S.B.

COMPETITION RESULTS IN A DRAW.

A boxing competition was held last evening on board H.M.S. *Hermes* between the ship and the K.O.S.B. The result was a draw, each side winning five events and one resulting in a draw. Mr. Murdoch, of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, was the referee, and Lieut. Commander T. R. Beatty, R.N., and Lieut. H. A. Kelly, K.O.S.B., were the judges.

The Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Hermes*, Capt. R. Elliott, C.B.E., R.N., was present with Colonel L. C. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O.

The fighting throughout was of a hard nature, little science being displayed, but every man showed a hearty desire to dispose of his opponent with as little ceremony as possible.

The results were as follows:—

1.—Flyweight.
Boy McConnell (K.O.S.B.), defeated Ordinary Seaman Lambert, *Hermes*, on points.

2.—Bantam Weight.
Lance-Corpl. Palmer, K.O.S.B., knocked out Ordinary Seaman O'Shea, *Hermes*, in the third round.

3.—Featherweight.
Stoker Gold, *Hermes*, knocked out Private Higgs, K.O.S.B., in the first round.

4.—Featherweight.
Able Seaman Dowlin, H.M.S. *Hermes*, defeated Private Edgar, K.O.S.B., on points.

5.—Lightweight.
The fight between Cook Hooper, H.M.S. *Hermes*, and Private Armet, K.O.S.B., ended in a draw.

6.—Lightweight.
Corporal McGill, K.O.S.B., defeated Able Seaman Spenser, H.M.S. *Hermes*.

7.—Welter Weight.
Able Seaman Lewstard, H.M.S. *Hermes*, defeated Private Spalding, K.O.S.B., on points.

8.—Welter Weight.
Ordinary Seaman Gibbs, *Hermes*, defeated Private Gillies, K.O.S.B., on points.

9.—Middle Weight.
Lieut. Corpl. Finlayson, K.O.S.B., defeated Marine Watts, *Hermes*, on points.

10.—Middle Weight.
Stoker Parker, *Hermes*, knocked out Private Jamieson, K.O.S.B., in the second round.

11.
Piper Smith, K.O.S.B., defeated Marine Strenthfield, *Hermes*, on points.

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PRINCE OF WALES IN FRIED FISH SHOP.

VISIT TO HOXTON SLUM.

The Prince of Wales, during a visit to the slums of Hoxton, visited a fried fish shop.

Great secrecy had been observed about his intentions, even to the extent of withdrawing policemen in order not to call attention to the streets that he visited.

In spite of these precautions, hundreds of men and women surrounded him, some of them clamouring on the footboards and hanging on the back.

Earlier in the day he visited Hoxton, where he chatted with Enid Page, the nine-year-old daughter of an ex-serviceman.

Enid is a fascinating child with laughing blue eyes and curly golden hair.

"How do you do, your Royal Highness, and how are you?" was her greeting as she danced up to the Prince and held out her hand.

"I'm very well, and how are you?" replied the Prince, smiling, and he immediately started chatting to her.

At a Hospital.

The Prince's first visit was to High-street, Hoxton, to open the reconstructed hospital. Long before he was due to arrive the streets were thronged with sightseers. All Homerton turned out to give him a welcome. Flags lined the route, and hundreds of school children waved flags and favours as they cheered themselves hoarse.

The Prince then went on to a club, and after inspecting the ex-servicemen who formed a guard of honour outside, he made a tour of the institute, accompanied by Sir George Milne, Lady Amherst, and Lady Greville.

He was about to leave when Enid Page came to greet him, and the Prince, taking the delighted child by the hand, proceeded to talk to her.

At the conclusion Medals were presented to the winners by Colonel Comyn, who reminded the audience that although the *Hermes* had won the first competition by one event and the second had ended in a draw, it was a question how the pendulum would swing at the next meeting. Private Jamieson deservedly won the good losers prize.

Before the fighting commenced the piper of the K.O.S.B. gave selections from the ring.

BOXING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT:

APRIL 16TH.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association will hold their next Boxing Tournament at the Theatre Royal on Saturday, April 16th. All those wishing to take part are asked to send their names, with records to Mr. J. Brook, care of Vacuum Oil Company King's Building.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Macao Race Meeting.

Arrangements have been completed for the inaugural meeting of the Macao Race Club which takes place to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 p.m. and on Sunday at 12.30 p.m. Given favourable weather conditions the meeting should prove a huge success as those in charge have had considerable experience in racing. The Steamboat Company are running boats to and from Macao to-morrow leaving at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively and returning at 3 p.m. On Sunday the *Sui An* leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. the return saloon fare being \$5.

Quite a number of Hong Kong people interested in racing are going over and most Hong Kong's gentlemen riders will be seen in the saddle as there are practically no jockeys in Macao. There are seven races on the first day and nine on the second day including a race for subscription griffins that have not won since January 1st of this year. Mrs. R. J. Raterson and other local owners are sending over ponies to take part in the meeting. Jockeys are being well catered for in every way and the rider who is not successful in picking up a cup will be "decidedly unlucky." I have received a list of the ponies likely to fill the first three places in each of the races on the first day, but as I know nothing at all about the capabilities of the animals in question I take no responsibility for the publication of these tips except to say that *Dobbin* should win the fourth race easily and *September* should have no difficulty in winning a race.

FIRST DAY.

1st Race: The Open Cup. Once Round.
1. Four Naught Three.
2. Flash Star.
3. Chai Chon Ning.

September may win if started here.

2nd Race: The Area Prota Stakes. Five Furlongs.
1. U-Tu.
2. Regent.
3. Honeymoon.

3rd Race: The Governor's Cup. One Mile.
1. San Deigo (if started).
2. Shanghai Friend.
3. Hon Sin.

4th Race (A): The Macao Shiah Stakes. 1 Mile.
1. Solar Day.
2. Sand Piper.
3. Rothsay.

4th Race (B): The Subscription Griffins Cup. 1 1/4 Miles.
1. Dobbin.
2. Borderer.
3. Papyrus.
4. Circe.

5th Race: Prala Grande Stakes. Three Furlongs.
1. Little Sit Tand.
2. Sun Ning.
3. Tap Saic.

6th Race: The Yuen-Sue Stakes. Half Mile.
1. Cheong Tze Lou or September.
2. Six Five Six.
3. Valour.

Special Steamer Service.

In connection with Macao Races on Saturday and Sunday, it is announced that the *Sui An* will leave here at 8 a.m. to-morrow, returning from Macao at 5 p.m. and at 8 a.m. on Sunday, returning from Macao at 5.30 p.m., at a return fare of \$5.

RUBBER MARKET.

SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of telegraphic advice from Singapore that Rubber is now quoted at 70 1/2 cent per pound.

The following dividends have been declared:—

Jimahs 10% Interim
Kempas 15%
Haytors 20% Final
Sandercofts 25%
Teluk Ansons 15%
Ulu Benuts 12 1/2%

Singapore share quotations are as follow:—

Alibays	8 3/8
Alor Gajah	2 3/8
Amalgamated Malay	4 3/8
Ayer Moleks	2 3/8
Ayer Panas	13 3/8
Balgownie	4 3/8
Bassett	1 1/8
Brogas	1 1/8
Bukit Jelutong	1 1/8
Bukit Katils	1 1/8
Changkat Serdangs	10 1/8
Comenaras	2 3/8
Glenalher	2 3/8
Indragiris	12 3/8
Jeramas	1 3/8
Jimahs	2 3/8
Kedahs	4 3/8
Kempas	9 3/8
Kuala Sidims	4 1/8
Lunas	4 1/8
Malaka Pindas	2 3/8
Malakoffs	4 3/8
Manda Tekongs	0 7/8
Mayfelds	14 3/8
Mentakabs	0 3/8
New Serendabs	5 3/8
Pajamas	2 3/8
Punggors	1 1/8
Sandercofts	3 3/8
Scuddis	2 3/8
Sungei Bagans	4 3/8
Tappas	3 3/8
Tamblinks	1 3/8
Teluk Ansons	16 3/8
United Malaccas	2 3/8
Utan Simpans	4 3/8

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

The averages of the University, Civil Service Cricket Club and the Indian Recreation Club players are considerably affected by the withdrawal of the Royal Engineers and Signals and the figures for the matches in which the Engineers and Signals took part are not included in the list which follows.

In the Second Division the *Recreio* players have dropped out of the leading positions. In the batting, they have been relegated to the "twenties" and only M. F. Pinna comes out better as a result of the last three matches. Pte. Lake, who leads in the bowling, shows still better figures.

The averages follow:—

BATTING.		Bowling.	
Division I.		Division I.	
Players.	No. of Runs. In Inns. Not out. Average.	Runs. Wickets. Average.	
Capt. Dobbin (K.O.S.B.)	4 200 118* 1 100.00	Pte. Lake (R.A.O.C.)	229 38 6.02
A. W. Hayward (H.K.C.C.)	6 303 79 2 78.25	E. A. Lee (U.)	81 13 6.23
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	7 303 88* 2 78.25	A. E. Lacey (Police)	268 36 7.39
Lt. Emley (R.N.)	5 183 33 3 61.50	Lt. Norris (R.N.)	119 16 7.43
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.)	3 143 118 1 67.50	Dale (Tamar)	102 13 7.84
E. C. Fincher (C.S.C.C.)	7 167 68* 3 41.75	W. F. Goring (C.S.C.C.)	55 7 7.85
Lt. Hankey (K.O.S.B.)	6 138 104* 1 37.50	V. T. Mans (I.R.C.)	67 8 8.37
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	6 104 91 1 36.50	T. Gutierrez (Recreio)	77 9 8.55
B. D. Evans (C.S.C.C.)	4 138 75 0 34.50	Sirdar Khan (I.R.C.)	193 22 8.77
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	6 108 63 1 33.80	R. C. Witzell (C.S.C.C.)	44 5 8.80
S. V. Gittens (U.)	8 268 60 0 33.50	G. Lee (K.C.C.)	80 10 8.90
F. J. Ling (C.S.C.C.)	4 66 31* 2 33.00	A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	81 9 9.00
A. W. Rumayy (K.C.C.)	8 917 64* 1 31.00	H. A. Alves (Recreio)	162 18 9.00
B. P. Ng (U.)	8 183 53* 2 30.50	J. R. Hinton (H.K.C.C.)	48 5 9.20
T. E. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	4 121 36 0 30.25	C. F. Alexander (Police)	259 28 9.25
Y. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)	8 119 54* 1 29.75	T. H. King (Police)	58 6 9.66
Rev. Venn (R.N.)	8 174 66 2 29.00	T. D. E. Pendered (C.S.C.C.)	60 6 10.00
Capt. Evers (H.K.C.C.)	4 83 72 1 27.50	C. D. Wales (H.K.C.C.)	192 19 10.10
C. W. Lam (U.)	8 165 81* 1 27.50	E. A. Swift (Tamar)	151 14 10.78
F. Baker (C.S.C.C.)	5 100 55 1 27.25	M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	153 14 10.92
W. Brace (K.C.C.)	8 188 43 1 26.85	A. S. Imani (I.R.C.)	159 14 11.35
Dr. D. K. Samy (U.)	5 134 53 0 26.80	R. S. W. Paterson (C.S.C.C.)	138 12 11.50
Lt. Col. Cantrell (R.N.)	4 100 43 0 25.00	H. C. Burgess (H.K.C.C.)	58 5 11.60
D. Rumjahn (O.C.C.)	7 148 37 1 24.66	L.A.R. Duncan (K.C.C.)	108 9 12.00
Capt. Thorp (K.O.S.B.)	6 138 36 0 23.00		
S. H. Ismail (I.R.C.)	5 92 47* 1 23.00		
A. E. Wood (C.S.C.C.)	7 159 56 0 22.71		
F. J. de Rome (C.S.C.C.)	7 112 33 2 22.40		
O. Ismail (C.C.C.)	7 158 49 0 22.28		
T. E. Yeoh (C.R.C.)	6 129 33 0 21.50		

BATTING.		Bowling.	
Division II.		Division II.	
Players.	No. of Runs. In Inns. Not out. Average.	Runs. Wickets. Average.	
A. S. Suffad (I.R.C.)	9 210 63* 4 42.00		
S. A. R. Ismail (I.R.C.)	9 253 58* 2 36.42		
W. Hong Sling (U.)	4 100 48 1 36.33		
W. D. Gibbs (Tamar)	4 130 51 0 32.50		
F. T. Orr (H.K.C.C.)	5 120 48 1 30.00		
Lt. Duncan (R.N.)	5 115 81* 1 28.75		
C. F. Alexander (Police)	8 215 56 0 26.87		
R. C. Reed (Recreio)	8 135 44* 2 25.83		
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	7 153 53 1 25.50		
E. de Sousa (Recreio)	5 100 49* 1 25.00		
W. Hyde (K.C.C.)	7 177 115 0 23.28		
L.S.A. T. King (Tamar)	6 125 50 1 25.00		
A. Baker (U.)	6 74 30 3 24.66		
L. A. R. Duncan (K.C.C.)	6 122 45 1 24.50		
C. Sara (C.S.C.C.)	4 93 21 2 24.00		
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	7 119 50 2 23.80		
H. M. Xavier (Recreio)	8 177 60 0 22.12		
Sgt. Butterfield (R.A.O.C.)	5 105 41 0 21.60		
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	4 84 36 0 21.00		
R. R. Davies (C.S.C.C.)	6 63 35* 3 21.00		
H. C. Burgess (H.K.C.C.)	4 81 44 0 20.25		
H. A. Alves (Recreio)	8 140 60* 1 20.00		

BATTING.		Bowling.	
Division II.		Division II.	
Players.	No. of Runs. In Inns. Not out. Average.	Runs. Wickets. Average.	
Pte. Lake (R.A.O.C.)	229 38 6.02		
E. A. Lee (U.)	81 13 6.23		
A. E. Lacey (Police)	268 36 7.39		
Lt. Norris (R.N.)	119 16 7.43		
Dale (Tamar)	102 13 7.84		
W. F. Goring (C.S.C.C.)	55 7 7.85		
V. T. Mans (I.R.C.)	67 8 8.37		
T. Gutierrez (Recreio)	77 9 8.55		
Sirdar Khan (I.R.C.)	193 22 8.77		
R. C. Witzell (C.S.C.C.)	44 5 8.80		
G. Lee (K.C.C.)	80 10 8.90		
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	81 9 9.00		
H. A. Alves (Recreio)	162 18 9.00		
J. R. Hinton (H.K.C.C.)	48 5 9.20		
C. F. Alexander (Police)	259 28 9.25		
T. H. King (Police)	58 6 9.66		
T. D. E. Pendered (C.S.C.C.)	60 6 10.00		
C. D. Wales (H.K.C.C.)	192 19 10.10		
E. A. Swift (Tamar)	151 14 10.78		
M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	153 14 10.92		
A. S. Imani (I.R.C.)	159 14 11.35		
R. S. W. Paterson (C.S.C.C.)	138 12 11.50		
H. C. Burgess (H.K.C.C.)	58 5 11.60		
L.A.R. Duncan (K.C.C.)	108 9 12.00		

*Not out.
†Excluding figures for Royal Engineers and Signals matches.
Batting:—4 or more innings to count.
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ARE SCOTS GOING SOFT?

"The 'hardly Scots' I am afraid, no longer exists, have come to the reluctant conclusion that the Scottish nation has become soft. This may or may not be due to the mingling of the Scots with the English, but the fact remains that more and more families are eating corned beef or bacon for breakfast instead of porridge. (What would have happened to the Thin Red Line or the heroes of Bannockburn if they had been reared on pickles or potted shrimps?) The kilt has given place to plus fours.

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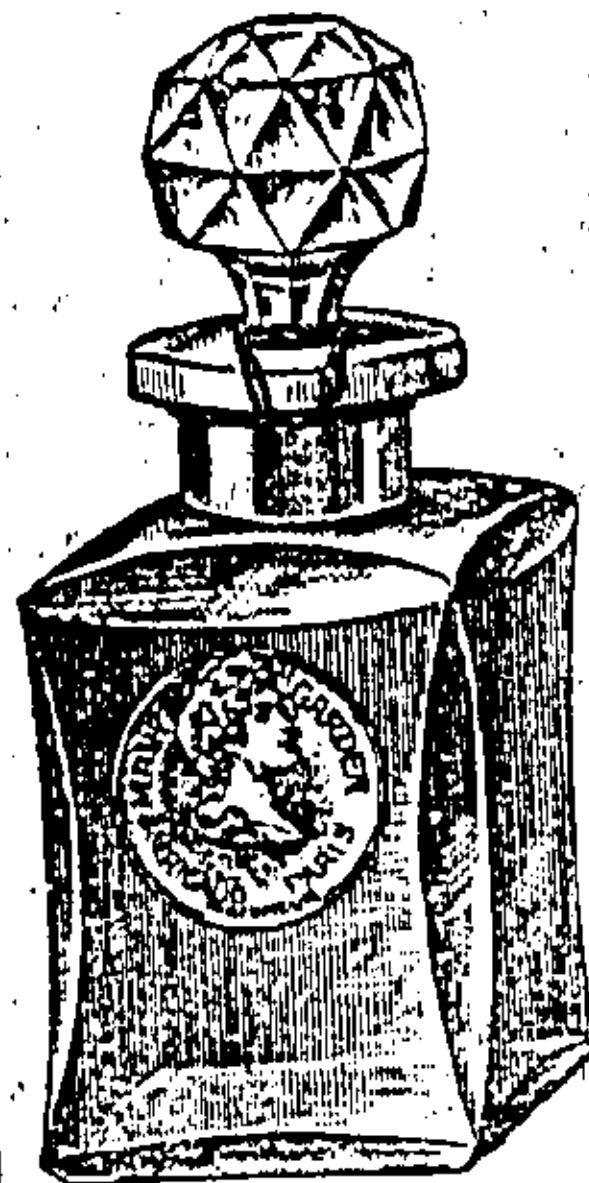
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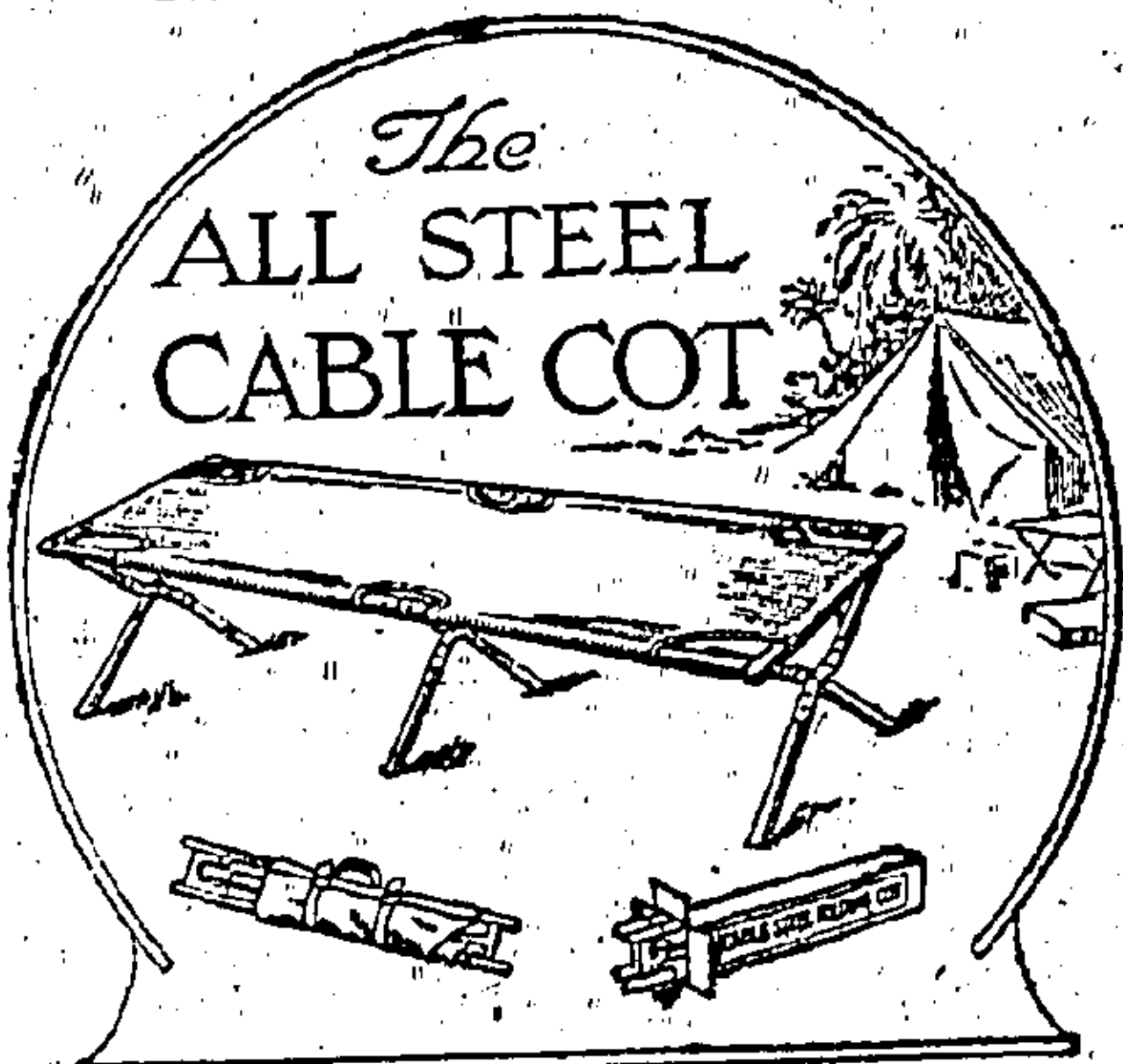
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FALSE IMPRISONMENT ALLEGED.

ENGINEER'S CLAIM FOR \$1,000

INTERESTING SUMMARY COURT ACTION.

A plaintiff appearing at the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. P. Jacks, acting Puisne Judge, alleged that he had been wrongfully and maliciously accused of larceny, taken into custody, charged at Kowloon Magistracy, and wrongfully detained for three hours.

The plaintiff was Cheung Cho Yan, an engineer of Waterloo Road, Yau-mat, and also a partner in a firm, and he claimed \$1,000 damages from a fellow partner in a Chinese rope factory, at whose instance he alleged the arrest had been made.

The plaintiff claimed to be a partner in the Yu Hing Company and the Hop Kee Company, whilst the defendant, Man Wang Sang, also of Yau-mat, is managing partner of the two above named companies.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, the plaintiff was charged with the larceny of certain rubber rings and rollers which were found in his room when the police made a search. The plaintiff stated in Court yesterday that the articles were in his room for the purpose of being sterilised by a secret process, which could not be carried out at the works.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. T. Prior defended.

Inspector Fallon gave evidence of searching the plaintiff's room and finding the articles under the bed. He could not say who signed the warrant or who applied for the arrest, as it was handed to him at the Police Court and he acted on the warrant. He took the plaintiff before the Kowloon Magistrate, and he was bailed out on \$50. He was detained for a little over two hours.

Question of Partnership.

When the plaintiff was asked by Mr. McCallum what his occupation was Mr. Prior said he must object. He asked for discovery, last week, as he had wanted to find out whether an allegation was going to be made that the plaintiff was a partner in the firm to which the goods belonged. He received no answer, so he rang Mr. McCallum up on the telephone and asked whether he had any documents, and Mr. McCallum replied in the negative, and said he did not think the books were relevant. If the partnership books were not relevant, then Mr. McCallum could not raise the question that the plaintiff was a partner. Had he known any such allegation was going to be made, he would have gone most closely into the books. According to his information, the plaintiff was a partner in a certain firm, which was later taken over by a new firm. It was a most difficult thing to say whether he was a partner or not, and, personally, he (Mr. Prior) thought he was not.

Mr. Prior went on to point out the difference between larceny by a clerk or servant and a partner. The rubber rings were the property of the new firm, and the real cause of the withdrawal of the charge was the question of partnership. Evidence given against larceny, but not against a partner, as he had a greater right of control.

Mr. McCallum replied that he had only asked the plaintiff what his occupation was. He had nothing to discover and had told Mr. Prior so, and he had not attempted to put any document in. He was entitled to prove orally that the plaintiff was a partner, and he was not going to produce any books. It was up to the other side to disprove he was a partner if they wanted to.

His Lordship upheld Mr. McCallum, and the cross-examination proceeded.

The Company's Property.

Plaintiff, continuing, said the defendant was a managing partner of the same company. On February 1st, when he was in bed, the police visited his house and searched it. The defendant accused him of stealing the company's property, and asked the police to take him into custody. He was taken to Yau-mat Police Station, questioned, charged at the Kowloon Court, and released on bail of \$50.

Questioned by Mr. Prior, plaintiff said he did not actually hear the defendant accuse him, but the reason he said so was because the defendant came with the police.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT.

IRISHMEN TURN UP IN FORCE.

A SELECTED PROGRAMME.

Local Irishmen turned out in force to the concert held in honour of St. Patrick's day, at the St. Patrick's Club Gordon Road, yesterday evening.

The programme was an excellent one and the audience heard some really fine singing. The Sociéda Philharmonica Orchestra played several selections that everyone enjoyed. "Dear Little Shamrock" sung by Mr. J. Mahoney, was received with much applause.

The programme was:—

Overture "Raymond" (Thomas). Sociéda Philharmonica (conducted by Mr. S. P. Fernald). Song: "Dear Little Shamrock," Mr. J. Mahoney; Song: "Deathless Army," Mr. F. White. Comic Selection: Mr. J. Bowler. Duet: "What are the Wild Waves, Saying, Masters," J. Dillon and J. Roza; Violin Solo: Selected, J. Bragg. Comedian: "Murders," Mr. G. Newell; Song: "L'Amico Fritz" (Mascagne), Mr. E. G. D'Aquino; Comedian: "My Word," Mr. G. Coyle; Song: "Il Guarany" (Geme), Mr. G. F. D'Aquino; Character Comedian: "La Traviata" (Verdi), Sociéda Philharmonica; Suite de Salon: "Sara-bande" (Bohm), Sociéda Philharmonica; Song: "The Road to the Isles," Mr. J. Byrne; Comedian: Selected, Mr. J. Bowler; Song at Piano: "In a Monastery Garden," Mr. F. Cusack; Song: "Racoono della Nonna" (Toscani), Mr. G. F. D'Aquino; Comedian: "Down for the Day," Mr. G. Coyle; Song: "Home across the Sea," Mr. M. Lewis; Character Comedian: Mr. J. Granham; Song: Selected, Mr. White; Comic Song: Selected, Mr. Kelly; Song: "Sylvia Bay," Mr. J. Byrne; Selection: "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagne), Sociéda Philharmonica. God Save the King.

He was a partner in both the old and new firms.

Mr. Prior remarked to his Lordship he might have to ask for an adjournment in order to have the books translated and to investigate the question of partnership.

Plaintiff denied that the new firm bought up the old one, and explained that the name was altered because of the addition of one share. He knew the defendant was a bankrupt, but did not know he was undischarged.

When Mr. Prior was questioning plaintiff with regard to the secret process of sterilising, Mr. McCallum said it was a trade secret of value, and asked his Lordship to protect it in that particular instance.

Mr. Prior remarked that he did not believe a word of the sterilising business. If the plaintiff did not like to answer the question, then let him write it down and submit it to an agreed chemist, who could inform them as to whether it was used for hardening rubber or not.

Mr. Callum replied that the next witness he would call was a man who actually took the rubber rings to the premises, and he would say where he got them from and why they were on the plaintiff's premises.

Mr. Prior said that he was prepared to prove that the plaintiff could not work on them in his room, as nothing could be done there.

Defendant's Evidence.

The defendant, in giving evidence, said he suspected that the plaintiff had stolen the articles. In reply to Mr. McCallum, he admitted that the plaintiff said they belonged to the company, but he caused a warrant to be issued because he was not satisfied. On visiting the premises later, the articles were not there, but he admitted that the plaintiff showed him where they were under the control of the company. He said he was not responsible for taking the plaintiff to the Police Station, as the detectives did that. Later, the charge was withdrawn. He denied that the trouble was caused between the old and new firms, and that he was trying to get the plaintiff out of the new firm altogether.

The case was eventually adjourned until the afternoon.

At the afternoon hearing, Mr. Prior submitted that the defendant had sufficient cause to believe that a felony had been committed by the plaintiff. That entitled him to judgment, and if not to judgment there was sufficient reason to believe that a felony had been committed, and this should go to considerably mitigate the damages.

False Imprisonment.

Mr. McCallum said that it was more than clear, on the evidence before His Lordship, that there was undoubtedly false imprisonment.

His Lordship held that there had been false imprisonment.

Speaking on the question of damages, Mr. McCallum held that plaintiff was entitled to the firm, in view of the secret process. After addressing His Lordship, Mr. McCallum asked for exemplary and vindictive damages in this case.

His Lordship said he would consider the case, and reserved his judgment.

SOLICITOR CRITICISES PROSECUTION.

TREVOR CASE RE-HEARD.

THE SENTENCE REDUCED.

"I have admiration for most of the Police, but the method of the Police prosecution in this instance is most extraordinary and unheard of," said Mr. C. A. S. Russ, yesterday at the Central Magistracy, when the case in which Ernest Trevor, who was convicted on a charge of larceny, was re-heard before Major C. Willson.

It will be recalled that Ernest Trevor was sentenced to two months' imprisonment on two counts of larceny from the Glenelg Hotel. He was charged with stealing some articles of clothing from Mrs. Leslie E. Haynes, and a revolver from a French lady. He was also fined \$50 for the possession of a revolver without a permit from the Police.

At yesterday's re-hearing, Mr. Russ told the Bench that he was not complaining against the decision of the Court. From the evidence produced at the first hearing the Court could have no alternative than to convict.

Mr. Russ said that he had been impressed by the defendant's story and he could do no better than to ask the defendant to go into the witness box and let His Worship form his own conclusion.

Ernest Trevor said that he had no idea of stealing the articles in question. He simply took them because he thought they belonged to Mr. Haynes and he intended to return them as soon as Mr. Haynes had paid him the money due to him. Defendant said that he lost "his head" when he was charged, and he also said that he did not make any attempt to dispose of, or hide what he had taken from Mr. Haynes.

Continuing, defendant said that with regard to the second charge of stealing a revolver from the French lady, it was entirely a mistake. The bag was left lying in the bathroom next to Mr. Haynes' room. He thought it belonged to Mr. Haynes. He had received permission from Mr. Haynes to use the bathroom and he had done so on several occasions. Defendant further stated that he also took the revolver because Mr. Haynes owed him money. He got all the advertisements for the "Ladies Weekly," a periodical published by Mr. Haynes, and he had never received more than \$3 from Mr. Haynes. Defendant continued: "I could not even get stamp money to post my letter in connection with his Weekly, and yet he had money to buy two pairs of shoes."

The Police Reply.

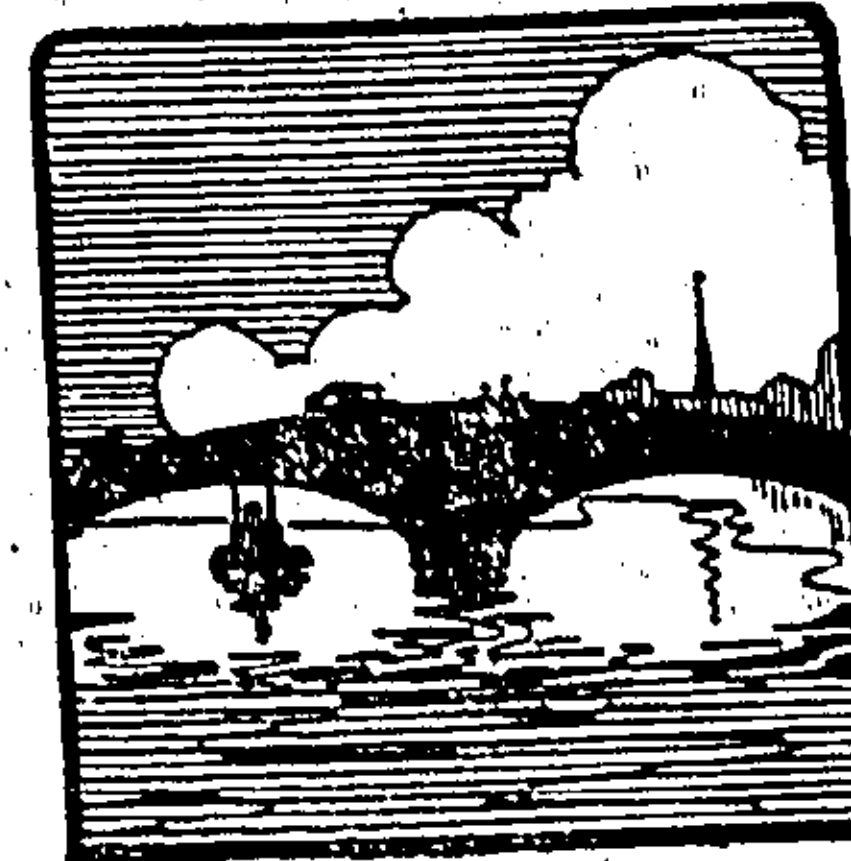
For the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Murphy told the Court that defendant had intended to leave the Colony on February 27th. He went to the Police to apply for a permit for his revolver and declared that he was single, but, in a report appearing in the *Sunday Herald*, defendant was said to be a married man. Sub-Inspector Murphy added that in his opinion, he was inclined to think that the defendant had got off very lightly; as the sentence provided in the Ordinance for such was 16 years' hard labour.

Solicitor's Criticism of Police.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Russ said that, however, foolish defendant had been, there is no doubt he had suffered. "Your Worship knows quite clearly what sentence should be passed and I strongly object to the way in which the Police are conducting the prosecution," added Mr. Russ. It was most extraordinary and unheard of for the Police should take it as their duty to dictate to the Bench. "I have admiration for most of the Police, but the way the prosecution has been conducted in this case, is most extraordinary and unheard of," concluded Mr. Russ.

His Worship said that he had considered the case most carefully and that although the defendant had given his reason for taking the property the law did not allow a man to reimburse himself in that way. After due consideration, Major Willson said that he would reduce the sentence. The previous sentence of one month on each count, to run consecutively would be reduced to concurrently. The fine of \$50 for possessing a revolver without a permit would have to stand.

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NEWS RECEIVED DURING THE PAST WEEK CONFIRMS THE IMPRESSION RECENTLY FORMED THAT THERE IS A DISTINCT CLEAVAGE IN THE KUOMINTANG PARTY.

General Chiang Kai Shek now appears to be taking a definite stand against the extremists and important developments are consequently expected very shortly.

Articles dealing with this phase of the political situation in China appear in the *HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS* published To-day. They will be of particular value to those at Home who are endeavouring to follow the progress of affairs.

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POLICE ACTIVITIES
IN CANTON.MOTOR-CYCLE GUARDS TO
BE RE-ORGANISED.PROTECTION FOR NON-UNION
WORKERS.FOREIGN CURRENCY NO
LONGER LEGAL TENDER.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Leaders of the Kuomintang do not take very seriously the proposal of the merchants to combine. The general opinion appears to be that without leadership, experience or policy they will never become an organised body like the workers. The merchants of Canton and the vicinity are to hold a conference within the next few days but for what purpose is unknown.

The Kuomintang Administration, with its headquarters at Hankow, having just been re-organised, will inaugurate a new régime on April 1st, and it is expected that some changes will also take place among the Kuomintang officials in Canton.

As I have previously mentioned, the Canton Police have officially recognised the principle that an employer is free to engage non-union workers if the regular men are divided among themselves and will not carry on the work required to be done. The other day the coolies of the Pok Tsui Stevedores Union not only tried to prevent rivals from the Loi Ho from unloading ripe but also attempted to seize the cargo. The Police, however, intervened and gave the non-union men protection.

The mounted police and the motor-cycle squads, abolished some time ago, are to be re-organised according to a recommendation by the present Chief of Police. A reward of \$300 is being offered for every highway robber caught in Canton.

Although the management of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway has no direct control of the coolies doing transport work at the various stations it is endeavouring to bring about a compromise in order to end the present strike which has practically stopped freight traffic. The coolies are demanding higher wages. At a meeting held on March 15th some progress was made towards a settlement.

The Kuomintang Ministry of Finance in Canton have issued an order making foreign currency no longer legal tender in the City. All places of business other than banks and money changing shops are warned against accepting non-Chinese coins or bank-notes. Police officials who make arrests under this order will be rewarded with 20 per cent. of the fine imposed. The Police Station will receive ten per cent. and the Finance Ministry the remaining 70 per cent.

The Canton Foreign Office has rejected the Japanese Consul's demand that the houses of Japanese subjects should not be searched without first obtaining permission from the Japanese Consulate. The Canton Authorities, in the case of the Tai Ho Hotel which was raided by the Canton Police some weeks ago held that the Tientsin Treaty of 1858 does not exempt foreign residents from local police jurisdiction.

In response to the demand of the Society for the Extension of the anti-British Boycott the five principal commercial guilds of Canton held a meeting on March 16th at which it was decided to formulate regulations of their own to prevent the importation of British goods. Only some 30 attended and from the general attitude of the merchants there does not seem to be much enthusiasm for the anti-British movement.

Partly to show their independence of Peking, the Canton Authorities unlike other Provinces in China have never sanctioned the increase in the postal tariff. Local letters, for instance, are sent at Canton for three cents.

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BUSY AND SLACK
MATERNITY SEASON.

PLANS MADE ACCORDINGLY.

KWONG WAH HOSPITAL
EXTENSION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In Hong Kong there is a busy and a dull season for maternity cases. This odd fact was brought out during a discussion at a meeting of the General Committee of the Kwong Wah Hospital at Yaumatei, when the question of the maternity ward extension was under consideration. In the spring there are not so many cases as in the winter, and as a member of the Committee put it the busy season usually comes in November and December. The Committee has decided to enlarge the present ward in order to meet the busy season demands.

Fares on Hong Kong-Canton
Steamboats.

Fare on the Hong Kong-Canton steamers are returning to pre-strike rates. The steamer fare in some steamers is less than 10 per cent. of the first class fare. In two smaller boats the fares are 60 cents, \$1.20, \$1.30, and \$3, while the rates on the Chinese managed steamers are, one, two three, four, and five dollars. The three dollar berths are reserved and a four or five dollar ticket entitles the holder to a cabin for either two to four passengers.

To avoid the hazards of warfare in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, quite a number of Chinese have lately arrived at Hong Kong on their way to visit Canton. Cantonese unless very well known to the local community at Shanghai did not find themselves very comfortable in the heart of Sun Chuan Fang's country.

Canton supporters of the 8th Far Eastern Olympiad, to be held this year in India perhaps, have already appointed a committee and the Canton Municipality has appropriated \$3,000 to a fund for training and sending a contingent of athletes.

Canton labour unionism now includes probationer nurses, and there has been trouble in the School of Mid-wifery at Sze Kwa Yuan, Canton City, where certain students have tried to interfere with the curriculum. The principal of the School the other day assigned a nurse to one of the hospitals under the same management but the girl refused to go and called on her fellow students to demand that the appointment be cancelled. The Chinese students attending the Chinese-French Medical College at Canton have "demanded" that their school authorities register the institution under the Kuomintang. The French management have so far refused to do so, knowing well what will happen if they do.

PRAISE FOR EUGENE CHEN.

TELEGRAMS FROM GENERAL
CHIANG KAI SHEK.

The Canton Gazette received a message from Hankow, dated March 9th, stating that General Chiang Kai Shek had wired to Mr. Eugene Chen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressing his appreciation regarding the Kuomintang negotiations.

Reported Split in Kuomintang.

Another Hankow message to the Gazette, dated March 12th, authoritatively denies the reports current that there is internal friction in the Kuomintang. It is stated that the present Central Executive Committee Conference has already succeeded in strengthening the authority of the Party and has decided to re-establish the Military Council which will have control over military affairs.

It is explained that at the time the Northern expedition started, the exigencies of war led to temporary suspension of the military council and placing control of military operations in the hands of General Chiang Kai Shek.

This measure naturally led to the concentration of a large measure of authority in General Chiang's hands in regions where a state of war was maintained. The war is still being carried on but the transfer of the Government to Wuhan has made the re-organization on a permanent basis of consolidation necessary. Therefore, one of the urgent acts of the C.E.C. conference has been to place the Party back to its normal status with normal organs functioning.

BEHIND THE SCREEN.

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ARE RUN.MODEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE STAFF.LOCAL INGENUITY AND
ENTERPRISE.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

What goes on "behind the scenes" of a theatre has always intrigued the public. All but the most unsophisticated, or the very worldly, wise, long to know where the lovely charmers disappear to when the curtain falls, because there is both the human interest, and the suggestion of spice that has clung to the theatre world since the days of the Puritans.

The same hardly applies to a cinema and if you asked most people "What is a cinema?" they would answer "A theatre where films are shown." That is all the general public knows or cares provided that they get the type of pictures which pleases them. Actually the business and mechanical side of the cinema is just as interesting as that of a theatre. Probably few people realise that a busy industry has been built up and is maintained by the Amusements Co. of this Colony. Every day fresh schemes and improvements are being tried and the three theatres, the "Queen's," "World" and "Star," employ a staff of over 300 between them. "Over 300," you exclaim, "impossible!" "Programme sellers, perhaps a dozen, the box office and ushers say another thirty, then the orchestra, perhaps fifty. I suppose they have a small clerical staff, and, of course, the men who work the projectors. They can't employ much over one hundred!"

The writer would have agreed that 150 would have been a generous estimate before the fascinating morning spent "behind the scenes" under the guidance of Mr. Ray, the Manager. Afterwards one wonders how such a multiplicity of industries can be adequately carried out with so small a staff.

Staff Welfare.

Admirable arrangements have been made for the employees of the Hong Kong Amusements Company. They get free quarters and are charged a modest \$5 a month for their food, which sum has not been increased since first instituted despite the fact that the cost of food has risen. Besides this they get free medical services, of which Arthur Woo, who also gives them from time to time lectures on health and hygiene. We feel sure that the doctor must wish that the health of all workers in the Colony was so carefully considered by their employers. But perhaps what the employees most appreciate is free entrance to any performance.

Fire Precautions.

There is an admirable system of protection against fire in every department. Fire proof doors worked by switches can instantly isolate any part of the theatre where a fire may break out, and in order that the stringent regulations against smoking in the rooms where the inflammable films are stored and re-wound, may be observed, only boys who are non-smokers are employed in these departments.

A visit to the operating room was particularly interesting. There is a special arrangement by which the used air is driven out into the street through side ventilating shafts by means of powerful fans, and is replaced by a strong current of fresh air drawn in from the street by a suction pump, and distributed through pipes perforated by air holes which run round the side of the wall facing the operators. In this way the air of the operating room is kept cool and healthy. The room has to be in darkness and the projectors generate a good deal of heat, so without some such ventilating system it would be trying in a hot climate to work the machines. The two projecting machines are of the latest type the "Simplex" and have two gadgets which distinguish them from the earlier makes. By means of one the carbons of the arc-lamp are controlled by switches which minimise the risk of the operator injuring his hands. The other enables an easy control of the speed at which the film is unwound which insures that the orchestra synchronises exactly with the film. Each reel is given a trial run and the correct speed for every scene being fixed and noted the figures are passed to the theatra. In this way the wedding march is not started at quite the wrong time by a false rumour that the bride has arrived, as so often happens in Church!

The colour effects which have been seen lately are obtained by a third projector in another room which, in conjunction with spotlights worked from the front of the dress circle, and from the wings, is capable of giving a wide range of colours and kaleidoscopic effects.

Should a film catch fire while being shown it will burn through in 90 seconds and the picture can then be continued by the second projector only the burnt scene being lost. But in order further to safeguard both the public and the operators the projection rooms are built of fire proof concrete and there is iron door which can be let down from outside the room between it and the auditorium. Also the latest fire extinguishing appliances are ready to hand.

Many Departments.

Next a visit was paid to the cold storage room where 1,300 reels of film are stored behind a fireproof self-locking door.

Then came the little room where the programmes are printed. The type is set by hand, and, when the necessary machinery arrived from Home a few months ago the theatre started to do its own printing.

The engineers room was the next port of call where a skilled Chinese engineer keeps all the machinery in working order and is trying to perfect an invention of his own which will be most valuable to the managers of cinema theatres all over the world if successful, but it would not be fair to give his secret away.

The fourth floor of China Buildings houses three more departments of the cinema. In one large room sit a staff of Chinese who translate the captions into their language for the benefit of native audiences. It must be extraordinarily difficult for them to translate some of the American captions.

Opening out of this room is a theatre in miniature where these learned scribes are given a preview of the films so that they can decide which ones are most likely to appeal to the Chinese. The censor sees the films in this room before they are shown to the public.

Clever Chinese Craftsmen.

Another big room is the lithographic department where the posters, and wood blocks for newspaper advertisement are made. The posters which are designed by Mr. Ray, are generally based on small photographs sent by the publicity agents of the producing companies. These are enlarged, altered where necessary, and the appropriate wording added by Chinese craftsmen. A new invention is being perfected by which the cost and work of reproducing posters will be considerably reduced. It comes from fertile brain of Mr. Ray. The design will be drawn on silk stretched on a frame and all parts except the design treated with a water proofing mixture. Then by means of a squeegee the poster can be printed by hand in as many colours as are desired. At one end of the room was a Chinese artist engaged on painting a big spread of scenery, and seated on the verandah was another carving a delicate wood block. While we watched him he cut out small script lettering, in a language foreign to him, and written looking glass fashion; we saw a print of it later and it was perfect.

That is the work carried on "behind the scenes" of the Queen's and the history of the building itself is interesting. It was built about two and a half years ago from a design by Palmer and Turner, local architects, and cost \$300,000. It is curiously and refreshingly unlike the usual Cinema Theatre, the beautiful lines of the architecture give the greatest possible chance for cleanliness and fresh air, and also ensure acoustic properties which incline one to regret that it is a "Silent Theatre."

"THE FLAMING FRONTIER"
AT THE QUEEN'S.A DRAMA OF AMERICAN
HISTORY.

"The Flaming Frontier" showing to-day and Saturday at the Queen's has been acclaimed as the "greatest of all Westerns," but it is more than that, it is an epic of American history. Ever since the days of Columbus the dream of conquest has urged the white man towards the setting sun and despite dangers and hardships, the way has been opened and the great cities of the western shores of America are a tribute to the courage of the pioneers.

The heroic stand made by General Custer and his "Seventh Cavalry" against the Indians, desperately defending their land against the encroaching "palefaces," is one of the most remarkable and realistic scenes ever shown on the screen. Across the vast prairie, from every direction, the wild herds of mounted Indians in feathers and war paint come tearing up to the little hillside where the handful of white men, betrayed by the greed of those who are exploiting the natives, make their last stand. The scene is realistic and yet successfully avoids horror.

The spiciness of the film is its characteristic. The little conventions and ingenuities of Hollywood have been left behind, and, as in "The Covered Wagon,"

(Continued on next column).

VICTORIA GAOL HOSPITAL.

NEW BUILDING PLANNED.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS.

For several years the Victoria Gaol has badly needed improvement, and the present conditions are now to be remedied. New roofs of re-inforced concrete will replace some of the present tiled roofs and several other minor repairs and improvements are to be carried out.

The most important work will be the construction of a new gaol hospital, which is to be begun shortly.

This new hospital will be erected on the site of the present hospital (between the Old Bailey and Arbutnot Road), and is to be a three-storey block. On the ground floor will be offices, stores and the prison mortuary. The operating theatre, surgery, examination and reception rooms will be on the first floor, and the whole of the top floor will be used as wards for the patients.

"WHO DOES NOT KNOW
ME?"

WITNESS'S LITTLE CONCEIT.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, two Chinese were charged with breaking into Nos. 8 and 10, New Street, with felonious intent.

They were sentenced to four months' hard labour and two months' hard labour respectively.

In the course of his defence, one of the men said that he had gone into No. 8, New Street, because he knew one of the *lokis* there.

Mr. Lindell asked the *loki* named whether that statement was correct and was told that it was not.

Mr. Lindell:—He gave your name in the charge room. How did he know your name?

Witness:—I have been 24 years in Hong Kong; who does not know me?

"I don't," was the Magistrate's dry reply.

MUSICAL.

AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

Another of the winter series of Musicals was given at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. There was a good attendance, and all the items were greatly enjoyed.

The programme was as under:—

Violin Solo—Zigeunerweisen
Pablo de Sarasate Op. 20.
Three Children's Songs Nevins.
(a) Every Night
(b) Speckled Eggs
(c) Song for Little Boys
Mrs. Russell Brown.
Piano Solo—Two Arabesques
Debussy.
Mrs. HARGREAVES BROWN.

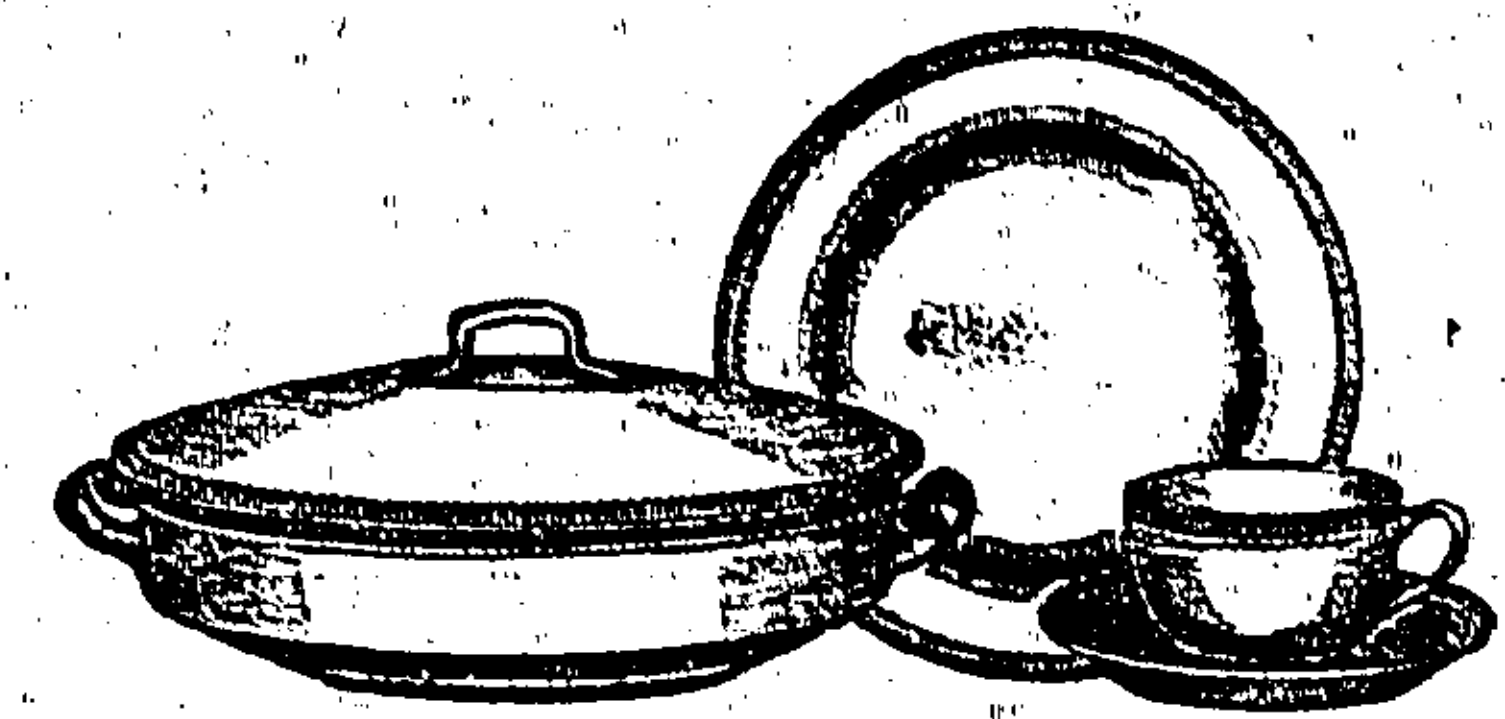
Songs—
(a) Song of the Palanquin
Bearers Martin Shaw.
(b) A Law Suit, D. M. Stewart.
Eng-Commander A. S. BEDDLES.
Violin Solo
Mrs. BALEAN.

Songs—Two Negro Spirituals
H. T. Burleigh.
(a) Go down Moses
(b) Didn't it Rain
Mrs. RUSSELL BROWN.

Piano Solo—Etude en forme de valse Saint Saens.
Mrs. HARGREAVES BROWN.
Songs—
(a) Open the door softly
Hughes.
(b) Good Ale Peter Warlock.
Eng-Commander A. S. BEDDLES.

The accompanists were Mrs. Hargreaves Brown and Mr. R. Baldwin.

of which this film is reminiscent, we are taken into the great spaces of Central and East America. The drama of the final resistance of the Red Indians, and of the clash between the men who championed them and those who exploited and betrayed them is admirably treated in this production. Though he plays but a small part it is interesting to see a very careful study of Ulysses Grant, the American President of the time, and, of course, still better known to history as the conqueror of General Lee in America's great civil war. Often American films are spoilt by silly captions. Here they were excellent, fulfilling their part of explanation and helping the rapid development of the climax. A word about the Cast. Hoot Gibson plays the hero, perhaps not always successfully. Sults or a sulky face are as unattractive on the screen as in real life, but his horsemanship is magnificent. "California Joe" Harry Todd shows himself a real artist, his humour never fails him and yet never descends to clowning. General Custer and Senator Stanwood (Dustin Farnum and George Fawcett) are fine roles admirably played and Kathleen Key who plays "Lucretia" is so lovely that one almost sighs for a return of Victorian fashions.

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Hong Kong.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927. [498]

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

12TH ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

ON THE UNIVERSITY GROUND, POKEFULUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 1927, 2.30 P.M.

POST ENTRY EVENTS.
1.—HALF MILE RACE, Open to the Colony (at about 4.30 P.M.).
2.—PAST STUDENTS' RACE, 250 yards Handicap (at about 5 P.M.).

N. P. KARANJIA,
Hon. Secretary,
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION,
Hong Kong, March 18th, 1927. [498]

NOTICE.

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21st, 1927, MR. DOUGLAS S. SCOTT is Appointed District Manager for THE TEXAS COMPANY, Hong Kong. [492]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having TO-DAY Taken Over the GENERAL AGENCY for HONG KONG, SOUTH CHINA and INDO-CHINA for KOREA MISSION CLOTH, will be glad to deal with Enquiries in this connection.
BITZER & CO.,
Queen's Building (2nd Floor). [489]

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

PLEASE Note as From 18th INST. Our Address will be
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CONNAUGHT ROAD.
DAVE, BOAG & CO., LTD.
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NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 26th MARCH, at 8 P.M., in the Hall of Queen's College. Members desiring to attend are requested to communicate with the Hon. TREASURER, CHOW PING UN, Esq., c/o ASSURANCE FRANCO-ASIATIQUE, China Building.

By Order,
QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
[487]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.
NOMINATIONS CLOSE at 12 O'CLOCK Noon on SATURDAY, the 19th of MARCH, 1927. [4693]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

EXTRA MEETINGS have been Fixed provisionally for the following Dates:

26th MARCH.
10th and 18th APRIL.
7th MAY.
4th and 6th JUNE.
27th JUNE.
3rd and 10th OCTOBER.
3rd NOVEMBER.
26th NOVEMBER.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, March 15th, 1927. [4885]

MACAO RACES.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD.

THE General Committee of the above Club has the pleasure to cordially invite the General Public of Hong Kong to attend the INAUGURAL MEETING to be held on the 19th and 20th MARCH, 1927 (SATURDAY and SUNDAY).
The FIRST RACE on the First Day will commence at 2 P.M., and at 12.30 on the Second Day.
There will be No Charge for Admission. Entrance Ticket can be obtained on application to the CLUB'S OFFICE, 20, Rua do Camo, Macao.
S.S. "FUJI AN" will leave for Macao at 8 A.M. on the 19th and 20th MARCH, and return after 5 P.M. from Macao.
By Order,
A. W. CHENG,
Secretary.
[4693]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDING, HONG KONG, on TUESDAY, 29th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 27th MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927. [4664]

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 1.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd MARCH, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
S. COUNTRYSE COOK,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927. [4653]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Bank of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1927, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th MARCH, 1927, to the 23rd MARCH, 1927, (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4645]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1926.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th DAY of MARCH, to MONDAY, the 27th DAY of MARCH, 1927, (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927. [4674]

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [4672]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [1603]

INTIMATIONS.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 P.M.
For the following Purposes:—

- To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing Year.
- To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
- To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.
R. E. GREENSMITH,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927. [4671]

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 P.M. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and to elect Officers, etc.
G. E. S. UPDELL,
Hon. Secretary.
[4886]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 38th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927. [4691]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the THIRTIETH DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 2.30 O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, when the Proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification 'subscribed by the Chairman' thereof be approved and adopted by the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all 'existing Articles thereof'."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Place on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST DAY of APRIL, 1927, at 11.30 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings of the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A Copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated in usual Business Hours can be seen at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.
Dated the 12th day of March, 1927.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
[4676]

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, March 18th, 1927.

THE ANNUAL EXODUS.

THE season for "home leave" is now in full swing and at least one fifth of the European population is in process of going, or arranging to go, back to England. There is certainly no need to advertise the "Come to Britain" movement, as far as this Colony is concerned, especially at the present time when residents are only too anxious to regain touch with what embodies for them all that is best and dearest.

The past two years have been years of unrelieved stress and strain for the local business community, which has been forced to endure losses and suffer setbacks because of strikes and boycotts brought about by causes over which it had not the slightest control. Our "annual exodus," therefore, is perhaps more important this year from one point of view than it usually is. Many persons possessing first hand knowledge of the situation as it exists, or has existed in Hong Kong, should be able to bear testimony to conditions as they are and not as they are imagined to be. More harm is wrought by good intentions based on inaccurate information than by frank and full statements made with a complete knowledge of the facts. "Tell England" then

should be the watchword of the home going citizens.

Primarily, of course, one goes home to recuperate, to renew the vigour which is given by the more bracing atmosphere of Britain. The Colony is far from unhealthy from a physical point of view, but we are not a tropical people and the fact remains that the climate is not entirely suited to us. Even, however, if the temperature and humidity had no baneful effect; if the Colony from the health point of view was as desirable as it is from the point of view of beauty it would still be important for us to retrace our steps homeward occasionally in order to renew our contact with those manifold influences which together have created the British character. We cannot afford to lose touch with the political and intellectual forces which change imperceptibly from year to year and which can only be fully experienced in their native setting. At the heart of the Empire we get our views re-adjusted. We become once more not merely citizens of Hong Kong but full citizens of the Empire with our perspective of imperial problems corrected. We see the problem of Hong Kong, for example, in its proper relationship with the rest of the Empire policy. And so while we seek to influence the home view, our own ideas too are not unaffected.

It is impossible for the thinking person to spend a furlough at home and not be invigorated by the change and by the freedom from the special worries incident upon dealing with a race so completely at variance with our own as the Chinese in its general outlook on life. To many, of course, the release is most welcome because it involves not only cessation of worry but also re-union with sons and daughters who were left behind perhaps four or five years ago for education. That is the real hardship of Eastern life. It is a hardship, however, which must be borne. So long as we believe that it is in England and in English schools with their great traditions that the flower of English youth flourishes best, just so long will parents continue to leave their children behind and wait impatiently and chafe for the time when the family ties can be renewed.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day. On Wednesday two Chinese cases of small-pox and one Chinese case of enteric were reported. A theft of clothing valued at \$84 from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Mess has been reported to the police. A Chinese woman was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday suffering from the effects of an overdose of eucalyptus oil.

The 47th anniversary of the Theosophical Society was celebrated at the Hong Kong Lodge of the Society, Duddell Street, last evening.

The seventh annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Association is to be held at Queen's College Hall on Saturday, April 9th, at 8 P.M.

The annual ball of the Flotilla will be held at the City Hall on April 1st. The Titania Melodians orchestra have been engaged for the occasion.

The 38th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., will be held at St. George's Building on Wednesday, March 20th, at 11 A.M.

Mr. D. Tolan, of the Hong Kong Telegraph Company, has reported to the police the theft of a blanket, valued at \$85, from his house at No. 11, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Members are reminded that the annual meeting of St. George's Society of Hong Kong is being held this evening at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 5.30.

In connection with the robbery at No. 21, Bridges Street, another man was arrested on Wednesday night and brought before Major C. Willson yesterday morning. He was remanded until the 25th instant.

A workman at the No. 3, Pumping Station at Pokfulam was taken to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday following an accident at the Pumping Station, in which he received injuries to his right leg.

There will be another social gathering at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Sunday, following evening song, which begins at 6 o'clock. A cordial welcome is specially extended to Service men. There will be music and light refreshments.

On Wednesday a shop manager of Canton Road, Kowloon, who was entrusted with the delivering of a consignment of salt to a contractor, is said to have kept the money and disappeared. The contractor reports to the police that his loss is \$800.

A Chinese, who had served two previous terms of imprisonment for larceny, was banished from the Colony on March 10th. He returned within a week and was yesterday sentenced by Major C. Willson to 10 months' hard labour.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., assisted by Mr. C. D. Lake (Tenor), to-morrow (Friday) at 5.45 P.M. There will also be a Recital on the following Friday, March 25th, at the same hour.—Adv.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the first extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held at Happy Valley, on Saturday, March 26th, may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close to-morrow at noon.

Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Hong Kong, in respect of the estate of the late Mr. Francis C.L., electrical engineer, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, who died at the Government Civil Hospital on July 31st, 1922, and who left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$2,200.

Grant of probate has been made to Mabel Elliott Gourdin, of Hong Kong, in respect of the will of her brother, the late Mr. James Portland Long, an American citizen, who died at Yunnanfu on August 30th, 1922, whilst acting in the capacity of manager of the Yunnan branch of the British American Tobacco Company. Deceased left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$7,000.

Those interested are reminded that the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, Pastor of the Wesleyan Wesleyan Church, who spent several years in India prior to coming to Hong Kong a few months ago, is giving a lantern-lecture on "Glimpses of Indian Life" at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home this evening, beginning at eight o'clock. Members of H. M. Forces are especially invited to attend.

"You ought to be a detective," Mr. Lindell told a Waihai policeman yesterday morning. The constable was giving evidence in arrest of a Chinese charged with the theft of a pair of trousers, and said he suspected the man because the trousers were too short for the accused who was a tall man. The arrest took place in Sanwai village, Aberdeen, and another villager claimed the trousers as his. The accused who said he had taken the trousers by mistake was fined \$10 or in default 14 days' hard labour.

Only five new cases came before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. Of these four were for petty offences, two being breaches of the Hawkers' Regulations, while the other two were charges against richka coolies for not having the appropriate licences. The fifth case was one of larceny in which a Chinese was arraigned on a charge of theft of a me chook set and blanket from a dwelling house in Portland Street. The defendant was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

The March Criminal Sessions open at the Supreme Court on Monday morning, and will probably occupy the whole of the week. All the cases are to be heard before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. B. Wood). Three cases are down for hearing on Monday in one of which a Chinese is charged on six counts, comprising three charges of larceny; two of uttering forged documents; and one of forging a document. Four Chinese are charged with robbery by two or more, and with receiving stolen goods; and the third case concerns three Chinese charged on similar counts. On Tuesday a Chinese is charged with offering a bribe; and on Wednesday there will commence the trial of the two remaining Chinese arraigned in connection with the piracy of the s.s. *Summing*.

Mr. Wittenbach seconded Mr. Dand and strongly contended that there were many things out side our control of every-day life, which was chance and nothing else. As an illustration of what he meant by chance, the speaker spoke of gold mining. A man might be at the diggings only a few hours, days, or weeks, and strike lucky and make his fortune. On the other hand it was quite likely he would waste a lifetime at mining and not be successful. There were always factors which they could not control. School work was similar. Some students would go to an examination cool, calm and collected and pass. Other students, possessing far more ability, would go there excited and flustered, and fail. A student might have chance to read a book just before he got to the examination room on the very subject of one of the questions.

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ABILITY OR CHANCE?

BY WHICH MEANS IS SUCCESS ACHIEVED?

INTERESTING DEBATE AT THE Y.M.C.A.

"It is in the opinion of this meeting that man's own powers play a greater part than chance in achieving success."

This was the motion which was put before the meeting at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last night for discussion, under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society.

The speeches, it may be said, were exceptionally good and the opinion was expressed that last night's discussion was the best debate which has been held at the Y.M.C.A. this winter.

The Chairman was Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (Vice-President of the Y.M.C.A.).

Proposing the motion, Mr. J. B. Trevor said that he did not admit for a moment that there was such a thing as chance. Taking any ambitious man it was his intellect and faculties which carried him through to success, and not chance. Gifts and talent acquired or developed were not due to chance. The road to success lay through hard work. The people who took life in a happy-go-lucky way were few and far between, and seldom reached the top of the tree. He was prepared to admit, and fully believed that our destinies were controlled, but that did not take away the fact that our powers played a part. If we as human beings were going to admit that our faculties were at the mercy of "the gods," then we had also lost our free will.

Mr. A. A. Dand led for the opposition. Giving an example of how chance played a large part in the life of everyone, he referred to the man who started life as an office boy, and step by step advanced through the office, eventually reaching the post of cashier, and later securing a place on the Board of Directors of the Company he worked for. This, contended the speaker, was the usual run of things, stepping into another man's shoes in order of promotion. It was mere chance, and did not depend solely on ability. The man had not advanced himself by effort, but had to wait for advancement until chance had cleared his path. An author might turn out a good book, but it solely depended upon the publisher and the reviewers whether his book was a success. How, ever complete the plans of a general might be the success depended on chance working in his favour.

Mr. A. May supporting Mr. Trevor agreed that there was no such thing as chance, but only laws which could be used and made amenable. Things put down to chance, such as the scientific stamping out of a disease, were amenable to laws. What people referred to as chance, was merely the working out of the laws of the Universe. Any belief in chance was either blasphemous or their success depended on a half savage belief.

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THE SEIZURE OF THE "PAMIAI LENINA."

IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF THE CHINESE CASE.

A SEARCH THAT "MORE THAN JUSTIFIED SUSPICIONS."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, March 17th.

With reference to the *Pamiai Lenina*, Reuter has received from an authoritative Chinese source a written statement of the Chinese case for the seizure of the *Pamiai Lenina*. The decision to search the ship at Nanking was made on reliable information that she was unlawfully engaged. It is stated that the search "more than justified suspicions," for, buried deep under approximately 150 tons of coal in the hold was a tremendous quantity of anti-foreign propaganda literature in the Chinese, Russian and English languages. In the "diplomatic bags" in the custody of the "diplomatic couriers" (who were travelling not with diplomatic passports, as should have been the case had they been diplomatic couriers, but with ordinary passports) were documents "containing schemes for action in the Yangtze Valley and in and around Shanghai which, if carried out, would have endangered other than Chinese interests."

Strange Ship's Company.

After remarking that the Chinese military authorities refrained from saying more about these documents for fear of precipitating an international crisis, the statement goes on to say that in addition to the regular crew were 11 Chinese compradors and over 30 wharf coolies, who claimed to be deck-hands for loading and unloading cargoes. It points out that in river transportation in China there is no need for such hands as all cargo can be handled by wharf coolies and no ship carries more than one comprador. It declares that unless these "compradors" and "coolies" were there for the handling of a special kind of cargo there present on the ship is a mystery. It states that "Mrs. Grosberg" (Mrs. Borodin) revealed her identity only when cards and mails in her possession, bearing the name of Borodin were found among her possessions "which, unfortunately for her, also included important Soviet documents." The statement concludes that the so-called diplomatic bags should contain such plots as indicated is a matter which the military authorities are unable to understand and which is now the subject of Russo-Chinese communications.

THE FIGHTING IN HONAN.

VICTORIES OF THE FENGTIEN TROOPS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 17th.

In Honan, the Fengtien troops have gained further victories over the Honanese, led by General Chin Yun Ao, Wei Yi San and Tan Wei Chin, etc. Changchow has been taken by General Chin on the 15th inst. In this battle the Honanese command, led by General Wei Yi San suffered most, the majority of them having been captured by the Fengtien troops. The taking of Changchow is, so far, the most decisive event in the Honan campaign.

MORE STRIKES IN THE NORTH.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 17th.

All the workers of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway declared a "general strike" on the 16th inst. Consequently, the Northern military movements are being greatly hampered. The General Labour Union in Shanghai called an urgent meeting the next day to discuss preparations for another general strike.

GENERAL CHANG AND SOOCHOW.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 17th.

Seeing the hopeless condition in which southern Kiangsu now is, General Chang Tsung-chang has gone to Haichow, in north Kiangsu. It is a strategic point. General Chang is of opinion that Hsuehchow is a far more important city than Nanking or Shanghai, as it is the gateway, leading up to Shantung province, of which he is the Tupan.

A STRANGE REPORT.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 17th.

From Fengtien sources it is reported that General Chiang Kai Shek has sent a representative to Peking to discuss with the Fengtien troops of co-operation between Chang Tsung-chang and Chiang Kai Shek, as the only possible means for General Chiang Kai Shek to deal with the Communists.

PLAN FOR A STABLE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

WHAT THE REV. DR. J. P. BRUCE SUGGESTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 17th.

Local autonomy for the provinces with power to elect Governors, vote taxes, control armies and a Central Government to whom only would be assigned the revenues from the Customs, Posts and Railways was the plan suggested for a stable government in China by the Rev. Dr. J. P. Bruce, lecturer on the Chinese language and literature at the London University, in a lecture before the Central Asian Society. Dr. Bruce, who was 36 years in China, declared that there was an insufficient number of statesmanlike and experienced Chinese to form a large Parliament. He suggested a council, consisting of two from each province. Rehabilitation might be obtained by means of Western loans to the Central Government and Provinces.

ANOTHER SOUTHERN VICTORY REPORTED.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 17th.

Kiang Nan Chien, situated about forty miles south-west of Nanking, is reported to have been taken by the Southerners. If this report is reliable, heavy fighting is expected shortly at the suburbs of Nanking where a large number of Shantung reinforcements are hurrying to the defence.

THE ANTI-BRITISH OUTBURST AT WUHU.

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 16th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that the recent disturbances at Wuhu had been brought to the notice of Mr. Eugene Chen, who had been asked to telegraph instructions for the protection of British life and property and the suppression of anti-British agitation. The British Government were most loth to interfere, and having dealt with the authorities in Southern China on the basis that they having assumed responsibility, would discharge their duty, he earnestly trusted that they would.

HANKOW'S NEW MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 16th.

The Agreement reached with the Southern Nationalist Government regarding the British Concession at Hankow came into operation yesterday, when the old municipality was dissolved. The Municipal Council have given valuable co-operation in the delicate details of transfer. The Chinese authorities, for their part, have displayed good faith and goodwill.

At the annual meeting of ratepayers yesterday, the necessary business, including the voting of taxes and the approval of the transfer of assets to the new municipality, was transacted. Debentures are being registered in the Municipal properties and a bond is under preparation whereby the new administration, on receiving the assets, undertake to meet debenture payments, to protect debenture holders on properties and to notify debenture holders of their assumption of liabilities.

Three British Councillors nominated by the British Consul-General for the new joint council, are the local managers of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Messrs. MacKenzie & Company and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company. The Nationalist Foreign Ministry has nominated the Mayor of Wuchang as a Director and three Chinese Councillors, including the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and a local labour leader, the latter expressly to deal with labour problems.

THE BRITISH MEMBERS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 16th.

The Chinese Navy goes over to the Southerners.

SHANGHAI, March 16th.

The Chinese Navy is reported to have gone over to the Southerners, and the ships at Woosung, under Admiral Yang Shu Chuang, are already flying the Nationalist flag. The Kiangnan Arsenal and Dockyard remain in the hands of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's adherents.

The split between the extremists and moderates of the Kuomintang Party is definitely confirmed, and though every indication is that the moderates are in the ascendancy, it is reported that General Chiang Kai Shek has been deprived of all political power.

CHINESE NAVY GOES OVER TO THE SOUTHERNERS.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

SHANGHAI, March 16th.

The strike of the employees of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway continues. The railway line was deliberately damaged, but the necessary repairs have been effected.

The general strike, supposed to coincide with the anniversary of Sun Yat Sen's death, did not materialise.

(Continued on next column.)

WAR DEBTS.

MR. A. MELLON'S REPLY TO THE PROFESSORS.

OPPOSES THEIR "BACKWARD STEP."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 17th.

Mr. A. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, replying to manifestos signed by members of the Faculties of Columbia and Princeton Universities, and urging a reconsideration of the settlement of inter-Ally debts on the ground that the settlements hitherto reached did not meet the actual situation, says the reopening of the question would be a step backward "calculated to produce discord and confusion rather than contribute to economic stability and orderly betterment of world prosperity." Asserting that a nation was hardly likely to deserve and maintain the respect of other countries by sacrificing its own just claims, Mr. Mellon declares that the cancellation of debts owed to the United States would not of itself change the dislike with which the professors of Columbia and Princeton Universities alleged that Europeans regarded the United States.

What the Reopening of the Question Would Encourage.

Mr. Mellon declares that reopening of the question would encourage French opposition to the ratification of the Franco-American Debt Funding Agreement. He admitted that an argument could be adduced in favour of writing off debts incurred after the American entry into the war, to the extent that these had been incurred for contributions to the common cause, but this argument could only apply if the proposed adjustment were mutual and applied to all on a strictly equal basis.

He points out that while the Allies bought supplies from America on credit the United States bought supplies and services from France and the British Empire by hundreds of millions, and paid each, but nowhere had it been suggested that if debts are to be cancelled the United States should be reimbursed for the dollars actually spent by them in France and Britain. Mr. Mellon concludes by declaring that the sums paid to the United States will not come out of taxation but be more than met by payments exacted from Germany by the Powers.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN SCOTTISH M.P.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 17th.

Sir Henry Craik, Member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities, died last night.

[The Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Craik was born in Glasgow in 1848. Since 1918 he had been one of the Members of Parliament (Conservative) for the Scottish Universities. For many years he was an Examiner in the Education Department, and from 1885 to 1904 he was Secretary to the Scottish Education Department. He was also well-known as a litterateur as an educationist, and among his publications were his "Life of Swift," "English Prose Selections," "A Century of Scottish History," and "Impressions of India."]

THE SINGAPORE INCIDENT.

INQUEST TO BE AWAITED BEFORE FURTHER INQUIRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. G. Lansbury (Labour) with regard to the disturbance at Singapore in connection with the Sun Yat Sen celebrations, Mr. L. S. Amery said the Governor of the Straits Settlements had stated that he proposed to await the conclusion of the inquest on the dead before considering whether any further enquiry was desirable.

SHANTUNG TROOPS AND SHANGHAI.

THREATEN TO OPEN FIRE.

[SHANGHAI, March 16th.]

Two thousand armed Chinese troops were refused admittance to the International Settlement on March 12th.

A further 500 troops, who were prevented by the British forces from entering, threatened to open fire. A critical situation was averted with the aid of an interpreter. These were from the Shantung forces who are concentrating round Shanghai.

Later, another 250 men endeavoured to force an entry by the North gate, but they were again prevented.

At Wuhu.

Wuhu, March 16th.

The situation is improving.

Quiet at Ningpo.

Ningpo, March 16th.

Everything appears to be quiet.

CHINA'S CIVIL WAR.

COMMONS' VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

LABOUR AMENDMENT REJECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons a resolution was moved by Sir Clive Morrison inviting the House to approve of the foresight of the Government and to congratulate it on prompt action in taking steps to safeguard the lives of British subjects endangered by the Civil war in China.

The mover drew attention to the remarkably efficient manner in which the Defence Force was moved to Shanghai and to the East. He hoped that if the Opposition divided against the resolution, the House, by its vote, would send a cheering message to those at Shanghai and show the real opinion of the whole country.

The Labourites Rebuked.

Mr. R. Mitchell Banks (Cons.) attacked the Labourites for their attitude on foreign affairs and said that Britain in their eyes was always wrong. They preferred to trust a foreign revolutionary to a British official when it came to investigating facts. He envisaged them telegraphing their congratulations to the Indian leaders during the Mutiny and protesting against the relief of Lucknow. He contended that it was not Mr. Eugene Chen but British millowners who had improved the lot of Chinese workers and if Mr. Chen wanted to improve them, let him begin with the Chinese mills.

Compared with the "Frothblowers."

Mr. Banks asked whether the Cantonese Government was democratically elected and why he heard nothing of its Prime Minister. He taunted the Labourites for their fondness and partiality for the Cantonese and Bolsheviks, in which connection he aroused much laughter by saying the "Frothblowers' Anthem."

Mr. G. Barker (Labour) moved an amendment regretting the ostentatious despatch of the special Shanghai Defence Force as unnecessary and calculated to increase rather than diminish the danger to the British in China. He declared there was a garrison of over 6,000 armed men before troops were sent to Shanghai and that it was protected by a large British fleet.

Mr. Lloyd George's Views.

Mr. Lloyd George deprecated the motion as an attempt to make party capital. It placed in a most awkward position those who like himself supported the despatch of the Shanghai Force because they relied on Sir Austen Chamberlain's word that the troops would be used aggressively or to assist either faction.

If the extremists won in China it would mean that 400,000,000 people were added to the Communist empire, making it one-third or one-fourth of the population of the world. Our business was not to force our factory or social legislation on the Chinese but to leave them to govern themselves.

Britain's Neutrality.

Captain D. H. King, the Government spokesman, asserted that negotiation had been in the forefront of the Government's policy all the time. They had also maintained a strict neutrality, unlike the opposition who entirely sided with the Nationalist South and ignored the Northerners who held views just as honestly and sincerely as the South. We were not acting alone but in conjunction with all the other Powers.

The Labour amendment was rejected by 241 votes to 116, and the Conservative vote of confidence was agreed to without a division.

Great Britain and Nationalist Recognition.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Windsor (Labour) asked whether, seeing that a diplomatic representative of the Chinese Nationalist Government had been appointed to Japan, the question of the diplomatic representation of that Government in England had been discussed with the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the question of the diplomatic representation of the Nationalist Government in England had not been discussed. He did not think that the Nationalist functionaries who, he understood, had been sent to Japan at various times could properly be described as diplomatic representatives.

The Position of Americans at Shanghai.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Howard Bury, as to whether he was taking any steps to protect the lives of Chinese workmen at Shanghai against attacks from extremists, Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out that such protection was primarily the responsibility of the Municipal Authority.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN EMPLOYMENT LAST MONTH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 17th.

The Ministry of Labour, in the *Gazette*, states that throughout February there was continuous improvement in employment affecting most of the important industries. Improvement was most marked in iron, mining, shipbuilding, iron and steel manufacture, constructional engineering, textile industries and building.

BRITISH WARSHIPS AND NICARAGUA.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 16th.

Answering the question as to how many British warships were now in Nicaragua waters, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that only H.M.S. *Columbo* was despatched there. She left again on March 5th, the British *Charge d'Affaires* having reported that her presence was no longer necessary since sufficient American forces had been landed for the protection of foreign life and property. No British subjects took refuge on the *Columbo*. It was not anticipated that in the present circumstances it would be necessary again to despatch any British warship to Nicaraguan waters.

WINS A REGIMENTAL POINT TO POINT RACE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 16th.

The Prince of Wales won the Grenadier Guards Regimental point to point race at Bicester, by two lengths, amid the cheers of a large crowd.

SPANISH SUBMARINE "B6."

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, March 16th.

The Ministry of Marine, in an official statement with regard to the reports that submarine "B6" had sunk, states that the vessel had been submerged for 72 hours under perfect control and had returned to the base still submerged and in perfect condition.

THE MARQUIS DE PINEDO'S FLIGHT.

A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

A message from San Luis de Caceres says that in the course of his 600 mile flight to that city from Asuncion to-day, the Marquis de Pinedo and his companions flew over country never before traversed by aviators.

The route lay over impassable jungles and inhospitable swamps, haunted by alligators and giant snakes, so muddy as to make landing virtually out of the question. The only inhabitants of these regions are fierce half-savage Indians, and had the aviators been obliged to make a forced landing, their position would have been most perilous, as the seaplane was not equipped with wireless.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CHINA POLICY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

The Liberal candidate in the North Southwark by-election Mr. E. A. Strauss, supports the Government policy in China.

He says that the chief interrupter at his meetings are people who shout "British aims in China are to make slaves of the Chinese," to which Mr. Strauss retorts: "The British people in China are warehousemen, clerks and other workers who are selling goods manufactured in this country. If we refuse to protect their lives the whole trade will be lost and thousands of British men and women will be thrown out of work."

through the machinery normally under their control. It was most undesirable that British troops who were there for another purpose should be used for this purpose.

Mr. Howard Bury asked whether Americans were only protecting their nationals and not participating in the general defence of the Settlement, and Sir A. Chamberlain replied that if Mr. Howard Bury wanted to know the exact position of the American Government he should address his question to them. (Laughter.)

AN AMERICAN OIL MAGNATE.

FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 17th.

Mr. Harry Sinclair, the oil magnate, whose trial began here on March 7th, has been found guilty of contempt of the Senate for refusing to answer four questions put to him by the Senate Public Lands Committee on March 22nd, 1924, during the Senate's investigation of the Teapot Dome Naval Oil Lease. The penalty is imprisonment for not less than a month and not exceeding 12 months. It is almost certain that Sinclair will appeal.

SENATOR KING AND HAITI.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SANTO DOMINGO, March 17th.

Senator King has announced that he will not attempt to enter Haiti, as he feared that his presence might provoke trouble. He wishes to avoid untoward incidents with a friendly country.

BRITISH FILMS.

A BILL TO FOSTER THE INDUSTRY.

INTERESTING STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, March 16th.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, moved the second reading of the Cinematograph Films Bill, which has for its object to increase the proportion of British films shown at cinemas. He said the necessity of securing greater production and wider distribution of British films was asserted in the strongest language by the Imperial Conference last Autumn, in a resolution passed at the very outset. The measures proposed in the Bill were those considered at the Imperial Conference. The cinema was the most universal medium to-day through which national ideas and the national atmosphere could be spread. If these were intangible things they were surely most important things in a civilised country and in a great Empire. The strongest bonds of Empire were just those intangible bonds—a common outlook in the same ideas, the same ideals typified in common language and in common literature. Films were shown to-day to millions of people all through the Empire and they must unconsciously influence the ideas and outlook of the British people. Only a fraction of something like five per cent. at the present time of the films shown in the British Empire were of British origin. From a trade point of view, the influence of the cinema was no less important. Before the war 25 per cent. of the films shown were British, but during the war British progress in the industry was stopped and it was then that American competitors forged ahead very often by using British talent. Faced with such competition, some measure of security and this Bill sought to give it. It was proposed that the quota of British films which the exhibitor must show should always be lower than the quota imposed upon the renter. The renters quota would begin in 1928 and the exhibitors in 1929 and the quota in each case would start at 7 and rise 2 per cent. each year. He submitted that the figure was not too low. It was very important that there should be competition among British producers and that was why the quota was deliberately kept low.

LABOURITES MOVE FOR REJECTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

During the debate on the Cinematograph Films Bill, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, replying to a question, expressed the opinion that a scenario by a British author, based on a foreign story, should be classed as British.

Sir Robert Horne hoped the Bill would help to get such a production of British films as would overwhelm the exhibition in the East of films tending to lower the prestige of Westerners.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moved the rejection of the Bill, on the ground that it compelled the British trader to supply goods irrespective of their comparative merits and the demands of their customers. The debate was adjourned.

KODAK COMPANY ACQUIRES CONTROLLING INTEREST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Mar. 17th.

The Eastman Kodak Company announces that Kodak, Limited, of London, has purchased a controlling interest in the French concern, Pathe Cinema, and that a new company will be formed, named Kodak Pathe, which will take over the operation of the Pathe plant at Vincennes on May 1st.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCES.

THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 17th.

Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of the State Department, has announced that Mr. Hugh Gibson, who was Vice-Chairman of the American Delegation at the International Conference of Arms Traffic at Geneva in 1925, will head the American Delegation at the Preparatory Disarmament Conference and the Three-Power Conference and not Mr. Hughes, as previously stated.

SERBIAN GYPSY IN COURT.

CURIOUS DEALINGS WITH RICE MERCHANT AND CONSTABLE.

MR. L. D'ALMADA'S ABLE DEFENCE.

George Petroff, one of the band of Serbian gypsies whose journeyings have brought them to Hong Kong, was charged, on remand, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. W. Schofield on two charges; firstly, for feloniously stealing, by a trick, from a rice powder shop accountant, and, secondly, for bribing a Chinese constable who arrested him.

Sub-Inspector Fallon prosecuted and Mr. Lee D'Almada, represented the defendant and entered a plea of "not guilty," to both charges.

Opening the case, Sub-Inspector Fallon said that at about 1.30 p.m. on the 15th March, the defendant went to a rice powder shop and asked for two bags of rice powder. The accountant said he wanted \$3.75 for each bag and the defendant, agreeing to the price, produced a hundred dollar note. The accountant handed him \$90.00 in ten dollar notes, but he asked for a fifty dollar bill and on being informed that there wasn't one in the shop, he asked for his hundred dollar bill back and withdrew his purchase.

The accountant received what purported to be his \$90.00 from the defendant who rode away on a bicycle. The accountant looked through his money and found there was \$30.00 short. He immediately went in search of the defendant and about two hours afterwards, he saw him near the Po Hing Theatre. He had him arrested by a Chinese constable who brought him to the Yau-mati Police Station. On the way, the defendant took out \$30.00 and handed it to the accountant, and when they reached the Station the defendant produced \$7.50 and offered it to the Chinese constable. Searched at the Station, the hundred dollar bill and a sum of \$7.77 were found on the defendant.

The accountant gave corroborative evidence. Cross-examined by Mr. Lee D'Almada, he said that the defendant bargained with him for the rice powder in a foreign language which he did not understand; and he in turn spoke in the native dialect, which the defendant seemed to understand a little.

Asked whether the \$7.50, which the defendant was accused of offering as bribe to the constable, might not have been for him as the purchase price of the two bags of rice powder, witness said he did not know.

The Chinese constable gave evidence of the arrest. Cross examined by Mr. Lee D'Almada, he said that the defendant admitted that the \$7.50 was first offered to the accountant by the defendant who said something, he did not understand and when it was refused, it was offered to witness.

Case of Suspicion Only.

Addressing the Court, Mr. D'Almada said that the defendant had at first offered the \$7.50 to the accountant telling him something which the latter did not understand. If the defendant had intended to offer that as a bribe, he would certainly have offered the money to the constable first. Mr. D'Almada emphasised that \$7.50 was the bargain price for the rice powder. Neither the constable nor the accountant knew what the defendant had said and the prosecution had surmised that it was offered as a bribe.

As to the \$30.00, defendant had declared at the Station, when arrested, that when he found that he had the extra \$30.00 in his pocket—he was going back to the shop to return the money when he was arrested. The prosecution, he contended had failed to prove defendant's guilt on either charge and the case rested entirely on suspicion. His Worship found defendant not guilty on either charge.

CRICKET NOTES.

FORTHCOMING INTERPORT MATCH.

I am informed that an invitation from the Shanghai Cricket Club to send up an Interport Team this spring has been received by the H.K.C.C. The invitation is, of course, contingent upon the trend of affairs politically, and I understand that, as yet, no actual date has been fixed. Usually the side leaves about the second week in May, or a little later, and returns somewhere about the end of that month.

The question of the composition of our side was discussed the other evening by several reasonably good judges of form. I do not think there were more than fifteen different names put down among all the lists, which were made out separately and then compared. For a side of twelve, I personally fancied Pearce, Hayward, Owen Hughes, Sayer, Bowker, Goodwin, Ramsey, Bruce, Capt. Dobbie, Hunt, R.M., Capt. Evers, and Capt. E. W. Morris. I am assuming that none of our visiting troops will be eligible either here or in Shanghai. Of this twelve it would depend largely on the form shown at the time as to who should stand down. Hunt is a newcomer, but he is a *Tamam* he is eligible, and as he is good enough to turn out for Gloucestershire, he may possibly be worth his place. We have in this side three really useful bowlers in Bowker, Goodwin and Dobbie. Sayer, Bruce and Evers are all good changes, while Morris has been known to take wickets. The weak spot is, of course, the lack of a left hander. Here I should mention that Vallack is going home on leave and won't be available. Owen Hughes, however, though he has absolutely lost his length this season, nearly always bowls well in Shanghai. I doubt if Wales is good enough as a left hander to balance his—shall I say uncertainty—with the bat. I believe Hunt bowls too but I don't know enough of his game to say. This team is a very strong batting side, as well, while during the last Interport Pearce showed that he is quite equal to the work behind the sticks. Ramsey in case of need could understand him. The fielding of this side on the whole should be excellent too.

The Possibles.

But there are always difficulties about getting away and it very often comes down to a case of "If we can't get what we love, we must love what we can get." Hankey Rumbold (A. A.), Fincher (E. C.) and Lyle occur to me as one, and Mitchell too, of course, unless he is away as I believe may be the case. If we do not have to go outside these players we shall be sending up a jolly good side. But it really does not matter very much so long as we can give Shanghai a good game. As a matter of fact we have recently sent up two very weak but extraordinarily game teams and have beaten them each time. Last November they repaid the compliment by beating us with a team that undoubtedly was not so strong as ours. Anyway it is to be hoped that we shall be able to put up a fair side, and that times will be peaceful enough to allow us to play.

Last Week's Games.

The Club polished off the Gunners fairly easily as I expected. I did not think Vallack was bowling as well as usual for his first two or three overs but he was lucky to get Smith taken fairly deep at square leg by the coolie fielding sub for Parker. (I think by the way that a good many of us might take a lesson from the way the said coolie goes in for fielding practice!) After that he never looked back and had 8 for 27, a fine performance as I doubt if the wicket was helping him very much. Hayward for the Club played a nice knock.

Craigengower really did very well to draw with the I.R.C., who had batted very keenly for 177. I understand the match started very late which is unfortunate. But one cannot comment further in the absence of precise information as to the reasons for the delay.

The Borderers journeyed to Pokfulam but a route march had depleted their team. Captain Dobbie, of course, was terribly missed, while Everest is a useful bat and can bowl a bit. As it was the first four batsmen did not do so badly but after that a collapse set in. Hankey had an off day with the ball and in any case I doubt if matting would suit his bowling particularly, while the University batsmen are very free scorers off a weak attack, and they rattled up 274 for 6 wickets.

League Table.

Kowloon are now safe as far as I can see. I think there was a slight error in the League table published last Monday as the Borderers' record was given as Won 3 Lost 1 Drawn 2. They have, however, been beaten both by the H.K.C.C. early in the season and by University last Saturday. The draw against Craigengower disposes of any chance the I.R.C. might have had.

Second Division.

The Club second team maintained their improved form and won convincingly against the Club de Recreo. It is a pity that they did not find their game earlier as they are a much better side than their record (Continued on next column).

LEAGUE CRICKET.

Cricket League fixtures have been somewhat revised for this week-end in order to make provision for the annual fixture between the Winners and The Rest on March 28th.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will meet the Royal Artillery on Saturday in the former's last match of the season and should Kowloon win or draw their match, they will be undisputed champions.

The I.R.C. match has been put off.

C.S.C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.

This 1st Division League game will be played on the C.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

C.S.C.C.:—R. D. Evans (capt.), G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. W. Hamilton, F. Baker, R. S. W. Patterson, A. E. Wood, E. C. Fincher, F. E. Lawrence, F. J. Ling, and F. H. Holdman.

C.S.C.C. "A" Team v. Club de Recreo.

This "friendly" game will be played on the Club de Recreo ground at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow.

C.S.C.C.:—H. F. Harper (capt.), H. E. Strange, R. E. Westlake, R. Davies, G. H. Hallam, R. G. Spittow, R. C. Wicheell, A. W. Grimmit, A. Simmonds, R. G. Robertson, and P. J. O'Neill.

COUNTY CRICKET.

THE NEW SYSTEM OF SCORING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

The Marylebone Cricket Club Committee has confirmed the new system of scoring for County cricket, this to be effective in the forthcoming season.

[A previous message summarised the system as follows:—"Eight points for a win in a completed match; should a match be uncompleted then five points to the side leading on the first innings and three to their opponents. In the event of a tie or no result on the first innings four points be given to each side, provided in the second actual play had taken place. When less than six hours of the match not to count in the Championship, provided that no result therein was obtained. The scoring by percentage to be as previously."]

shows. I fancy, however, the fielding could do with a bit of dusting up. The Recreo as newcomers to the League are to be congratulated on a very successful first season.

The R.A.O.C. trounced the Civil Service soundly. Walker played a nice free innings for them, as did Butterfield. The C.S. bowling was poor. Westlake would do much better if he did not try and bowl much too fast. He can send down quite a good ball, but he sacrifices too much for speed and it does not pay.

I understand the reason Holdman, a regular first eleven player, turned out in a League Match for the second was that two of the side originally picked had to call off at the last moment and it was a case of his turning out or playing ten men. The C.S. side wants reorganizing badly as they have gone off a lot from their 1924-5 form when they were I think head of the Second Division.

Friendlies.

I am glad to see that the H.K. Electric Co. manage to turn out a team quite often. Last week they beat the Indians, though I fancy it was not a strong second eleven.

These Kowloon people are rather overdoing the four wickets in four balls business. I shall soon have to record the overs in which they do not take a wicket! I have not seen the score-book or the sides but judging from the figures it would hardly appear that the best performers were out.

To-morrow's Games.

I understand that the postponed League Match "Club v. C.S.C.C." will take place on the ground of the latter team to-morrow. I rather expect that a draw will eventuate though if there is a decision it will probably mean that the winning side will finish third in the League.

In the second Division Club II. play the Navy and in their present mood I think might well win.

I have no doubt that one or two matches in arrears will be played off but I have not precise information at the time of writing. Information of the Sappers, is as fair a rule as there can be. I am, however, definitely opposed to the promotion of the Indians 2nd XI to the first League. They may be better than the C.R.C. though this I doubt gravely. But it is quite absurd that there should be two I.R.C. teams in the first League and no C.R.C. side at all. The only concession I would be prepared to suggest would be that a match to a finish should be played, after the conclusion of both Leagues, between the first team in the Second Division and the second Division team should only go up if they won. Even so I would rule out second eleven sides who had already a first eleven in the senior Division. However with any remarks on League matters it is usually a case of "Some fell on stony ground!"

R. ABBIT.

FOOTBALL.

"HERMES" WIN TWICE.

Two teams turned out from H.M.S. *Hermes* for Wednesday football matches.

The R.A.F. (H.M.S. *Hermes*) met and defeated the R.A.F. (H.M.S. *Argus*) by seven goals to two.

A remarkable change came over this game. Within ten minutes of the start the *Argus* were two goals up. Percy and Chandler netting. Then just before the interval Cloney got through, and beat Tansley (*Argus*).

The *Argus* held the *Hermes* until ten minutes from the end, when the defence cracked badly and conceded six goals in ten minutes, the final score being: R.A.F. (*Hermes*) 7; R.A.F. (*Argus*) 2.

St. Joseph's Reserves were defeated by two goals to one by a *Hermes* team, after holding the lead until near the end. Marques scored for the College in the first half, and Gurside and Warren netted for the *Hermes* in the closing stages.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL DRAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

The Scottish Association Cup draw for the semi-final which is to be played on March 26th, has resulted as follows:—

East Fife v. Partick, at Tyne Castle, Edinburgh.

Falkirk v. Celtic, at Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

League Results.

The following league matches were played to-day:

DIVISION I.
Cardiff 2, Derby 0.

DIVISION II.
Chelsea 2, Port Vale 0.
Middlesbrough 5, South Shields 0.
Notts County 2, Reading 0.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).
Crystal Palace 7, Bristol R. 4.
Bournemouth 3, Brentford 1.

SCOTTISH.
Rangers 2, Morton 1.
Celtic 2, Airdrie 1.
Dundee 2, Falkirk 3.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB'S BIG VICTORY OVER NAVAL TEAM.

Playing at Happy Valley last evening, the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club gained a decisive victory over H.M.S. *Titanic* and Submarines, by 32 points to three points.

From the start the Club had the best of matters, and scoring was fast and general. Despite the fact that Bowker (Club) was off the field during the second half, through injury, the Club still proved themselves the stronger side, and won by the margin stated.

The teams were as under:—
H.K.F.C.:—H. J. Armstrong; G. P. Lammert, A. C. I. Bowker, King, Pritchard; Wales, McKay; Miller, Foster, Akehurst, Treys, M. Smith, Beveridge, Pross, Garrard.

Titanic and Submarines:—Lieut. Duncan (L.2); E.R.A. Billings (L.7), Lieut. Reeves (*Titanic*), E.R.A. Kibbelwhite (L.2), E.R.A. Rhodes (L.12), Lieut. Turner (L.20), Lieut. Charsley (L.7), Lieut. Gould (*Titanic*), Lieut. Hodgkinson (L.8), Lieut. Edward (L.2), A. B. Acott (L.2), Macdonald, E.R.A. (L.12), A.B. West (L.22), Rippington, E.R.A. (L.2).

The referee was Mr. S. Jordan.

HOME RUGBY FOOTBALL.

ARMY AND HOSPITAL CUPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 16th.

In the Hospitals Cup final, played at Richmond to-day, Guy's Hospital defeated King's Hospital by 10 points to nil.

In the final of the Army Rugby Cup, played to-day at Aldershot, the 1st South Wales Borderers beat the Royal Engineers (Aldershot) by the narrow margin of 9 points to 8.

DAVIS CUP.

THE TWO ZONES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 16th.

The list of participants in the Davis Cup has closed, with twenty-five, equalling the record of two years ago. Twenty will play in the European zone and four in the American zone.

N.Z. AND BACK IN THREE AND A HALF DAYS.

The possibility of aeroplanes flying at 300 miles an hour and thus enabling the journey to New Zealand and back being made in three and a half days was suggested by Professor H. S. Hele-Shaw, Emeritus Professor of Liverpool University, in an address to the British Women's Patriotic League at Caxton Hall, Westminster.

LAWN TENNIS.

There was further delay in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tournament yesterday when the ground was still unfit for play.

The following matches are down for decision to-day:—

Open Singles:—T. Honda v. J. Cassumbhoy; N. Trambitzky v. F. R. Remedios.

Open Doubles:—Major W. B. Stevenson and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v. Capt. E. W. Morris and Lieut. G. Sturgess; Y. A. Wahab and S. A. Hamid v. R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley; R. F. Strange and D. S. Green v. S. E. Green and W. Hyde.

Handicap Singles "B":—Lieut. E. Barlow (rec. 15/1) v. M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1).

TENNIS TOURISTS.

SOUTH AFRICAN LADIES WIN THE RUBBER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, March 16th.

The South African ladies have won the rubber of three tests against the touring British ladies (captained by Miss Harvey).

The South African ladies defeated the tourists at Cape Town by five matches to four on January 29th, and also defeated them here by six matches to three to-day.

GOLF.

HONG MATCH ON SUNDAY.

The programme of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club for this week-end consists of a Bogeys Pool Competition from to-morrow to Monday inclusive.

The first round of the Junior Section Championship, played at Happy Valley, has to be completed by to-morrow, according to the rules of the competition; the second round by April 2nd; the semi-final by April 16th; and the final (36 holes) by April 30th.

On Sunday, however, at Fanling, there will be the annual Hong match between the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Arrangements are being made for a match between the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and the Army, suggested date for this event being Sunday, April 3rd. Some of the Club's best golfers, notably I. W. Sheehan and A. H. Ferguson are on leave, while A. K. Mackenzie is now at Shanghai. There are probably many good golfers in the Shanghai Defence Force, and among them, we are informed, is Capt. A. G. Barry, D.S.O., M.C., a former Army champion.

S.S. "LIMCHOW" ADRIPT FOR THREE DAYS.

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It will be remembered that the tug *Henry Keswick* of the Kowloon Dock, was despatched on Tuesday to search for the Chinese steamer *Limchow* which has been drifting on the high seas between Hong Kong and Haiphong with her engines helpless owing to an accident to her propeller.

News was received early yesterday afternoon that after a long search the steamer had been located by the *Henry Keswick*, which is towing her to Haiphong, and not to Hong Kong as was the original intention. The *Limchow* was located at North Channel.

Ever since Tuesday, when the wireless calls from the *Limchow*, were received, the tug *Henry Keswick* has been searching for the disabled vessel finding her nearly yesterday afternoon. Several positions were given by the *Limchow* by wireless; and the tug followed them up but the *Limchow* was apparently drifting rapidly and more or less lost.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.10 p.m. stated:—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over Japan. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.W. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local forecast: E. winds, moderate, overcast at first, finer and warmer later.

IN TOUCH.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—

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Hong Kong Observatory, March 17th.

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Barometer...	30.00	30.01	29.94
Temperature...	84	74	80
Humidity...	84	91	82
Wind...			
Direction...	ESE	ENE	East
Force...	1	1	4
Weather...	0	0	0
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.05

Highest open-air Temperature, 16th: 84
Lowest open-air Temperature, 17th: 68

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 18th to 24th, 1927.

Day of Week	Date of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	18	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 10	5 6	3 22	1 2
Sat.	19	10 54	6 6	3 22	1 4
		10 23	6 2	3 15	2
Sun.	20	10 36	6 4	3 28	1 7
		10 46	6 5	3 35	2 3
Mon.	21	10 54	5 5	3 3	2 0
		11 16	5 6	5 11	2 3
Tues.	22	11 15	5 7	5 58	2 5
		11 51	5 1	5 49	2 3
Wed.	23	11 40	5 5	5 46	2 9
		11 40	5 5	6 54	2 9
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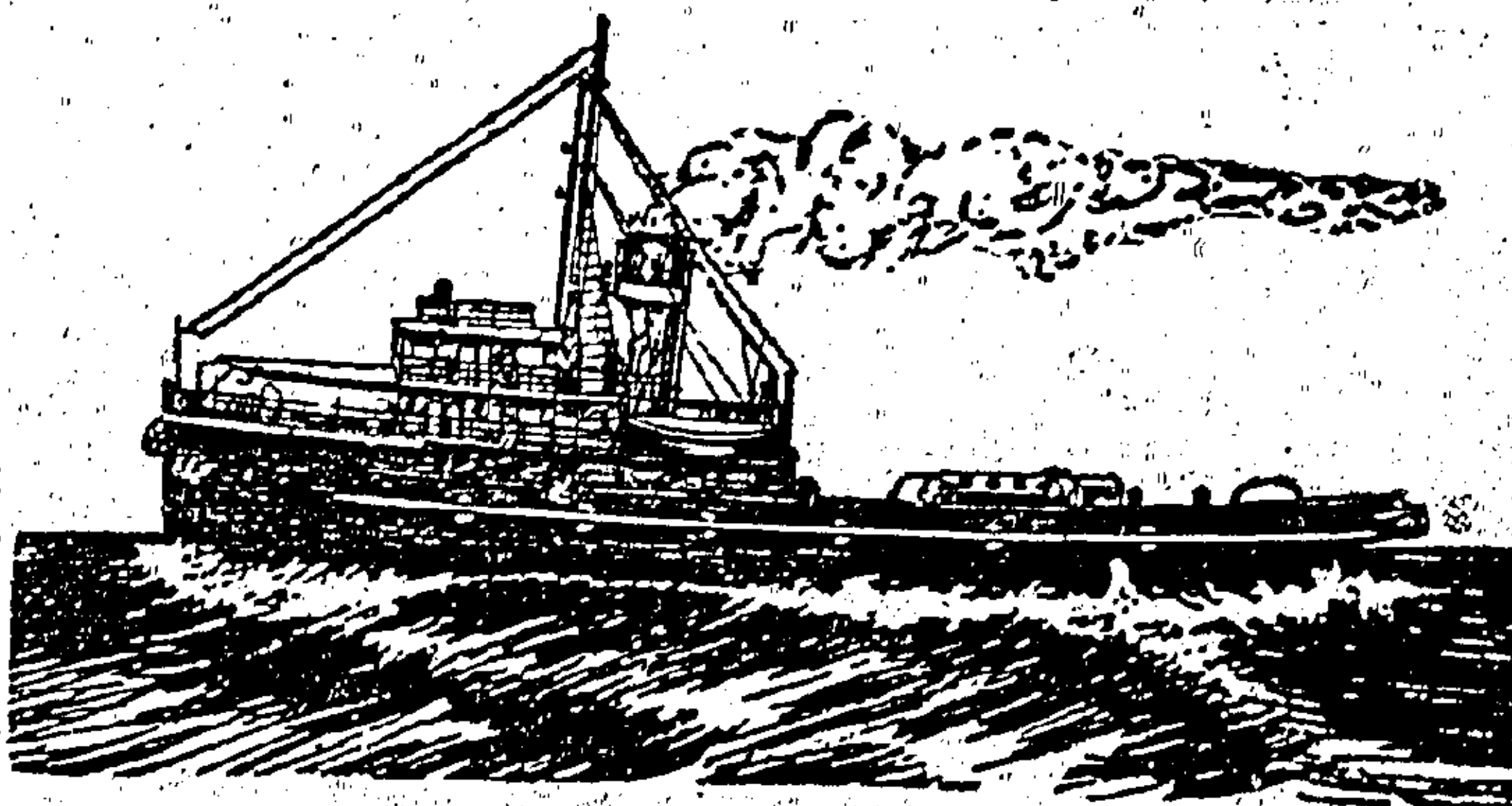
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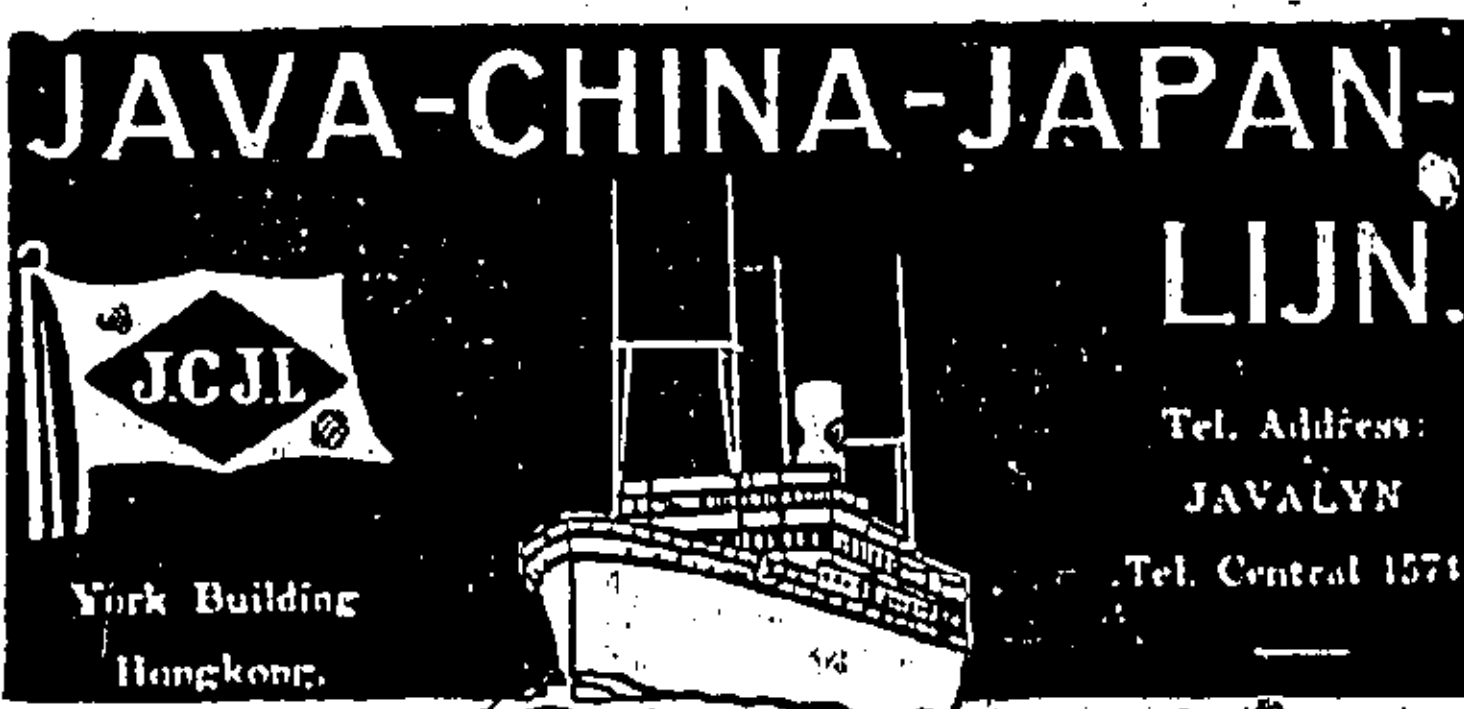
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AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	... "ANTUNG"	On 27th Mar. 6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	... "KWANGCHOW"	On 27th Mar. Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALNY	... "YINGCHOW"	On 27th Mar. 3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	... "SHANTUNG"	On 29th Mar. 6 a.m.

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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, Passengers, etc.

ARRIVALS.

March 17th.

Le Fils de Paul Doumer, French str., 704 tons, Capt. C. Fomond, from Saigon and Tourane, with rice and flour, lying at buoy No. 44—Hock Guan Hong.

Shinsei Maru No. 1, Japanese str., 2,711 tons, Capt. T. Hikichi, from Chinwangtao, with 5,345 tons of coal and bricks, lying at buoy No. 356—Dodwell & Co.

Taipei, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Canton, lying at buoy No. 443—Yue Tai Hong.

Tonjer, Norwegian str., 1,040 tons, Capt. H. Rasmussen, from Canton, lying at Wanchai—B. & S.

March 18th.

Anking, British str., 2,047 tons, Capt. A. J. Scott, from Singapore and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 322—B. & S.

Chusan, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. J. Byers, from Canton, lying at buoy No. 39—B. & S.

City of Calcutta, British str., 4,787 tons, Capt. R. C. Henderson, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—Bank Line.

Dei Maru, Japanese str., 1,896 tons, Capt. C. Iwasa, from Takao and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38—O.S.K.

Huach' Cheng, Chinese str., 1,623 tons, Capt. B. Schreiber, from Saigon, with rice and meal, lying at buoy No. A31—Yen Sun & Co.

Kuangchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. R. Ritchie, from Bangkok and Kolschong, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—B. & S.

Kohoku Maru, Japanese str., 1,603 tons, Capt. T. Urayama, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39—O.S.K.

Leiching, Chinese str., 163 tons, Capt. Ho Yuan, from Shannai, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Minghao, Chinese str., 1,094 tons, Capt. A. Leisberg, from Bangkok and Kolschong, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—Kwang Nguan Seng.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Tung Fat, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Tanor, Chinese str., 664 tons, Capt. J. Jack, from Canton, lying at buoy No. 43—Yin Sze Chun.

CLEARANCES.

March 17th.

Anna Maru, for Keelung.

Bellerophon, for Shanghai.

Canada Maru, for Singapore.

Chennu, for Swatow.

City of Calcutta, for Saigon.

Dei Maru, for Canton.

General Moring, for Shanghai.

Hai Yen, for Canton.

Hydrangea, for Kwang Chow Wan.

King Yuen, for Swatow.

Kohoku Maru, for Takao.

Lok Sun, for Singapore.

Mendo Maru, for Hoihow.

Pon Tye, for Hoihow.

Taiku Maru, for Swatow.

Taiku Maru, for Saigon.

Taiyung, for Manila.

Tjunauck, for Billiton.

Toku Maru, for Whampoa.

Tonjer, for Chinwangtao.

Unkai Maru No. 6, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. Frier, on March 18th, for Hamburg and ports:—Mr. C. C. Offenson, Mr. M. Kattwinkel, Mr. J. Tapper, Mr. P. J. Breischied, Mr. A. de Maio, Mr. D. Nocero, Mr. G. Nocero, Mr. T. Tolaram, Mr. D. Inangimal, Mr. G. Bonarita, Miss E. Melson, Mr. O. E. Roselli, Mr. V. F. Worcester, Mr. M. G. Henero, and Mr. V. Szewesky.

Per s.s. President Cleveland, for Manila, on March 18th:—Mr. John M. Board, Mrs. Louise S. Board, Mr. J. C. Black, Mr. Gladys M. Muxton, Mr. Wm. Wakeford Cox, Mrs. Wm. Wakeford, Mr. Geo. B. Cardinal, Mr. H. B. Cardinal, Mrs. E. W. Crockett, Mr. W. Crockett, Mr. L. Corbett, Mr. L. M. Carpenter, Mr. Wm. M. Carpenter, Mr. T. M. Carpenter, Mr. J. H. Carpenter, Mr. H. N. Guernsey, Mr. J. L. Guernsey, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hadley, Mr. M. L. Ladd, Mr. T. Ladd, Mr. L. B. Ladd, Mr. M. A. Ladd, Mr. R. S. Miller, Mr. F. Miller, Mr. M. G. Miller, Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Marion O'Brien, Mr. Margaret O'Brien, Mr. E. O'Brien, Mr. D. O'Brien, Mr. E. S. Steers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Torry, Mr. A. L. Taylor, Mr. J. Von Rosen, Mrs. M. J. Witt, Mr. S. H. Wilkins, Mr. D. O. McGregor, Mr. R. B. de Tilla, Mr. R. J. Harrison, Mr. V. Albo, Mr. J. Eplage, Mr. F. J. Higham, Mr. Wylar, Rev. V. de Fauts, and Mr. Thomas Dillon.

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Apr. 6	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	C'burg-S'mp'tn
Apr. 12	San Francisco	Aquiltana	May 11	C'burg-S'mp'tn
Apr. 20	Seattle	Geo. Washington	May 18	6 P.m. C'burg
Apr. 26	San Francisco	Republic	May 28	6 P.m. C'burg
May 4	Seattle	Aquiltana	May 31	C'burg-S'mp'tn
May 10	San Francisco	Homerio	June 11	C'burg-S'mp'tn
May 18	Seattle	Mauretania	June 15	6 P.m. C'burg
May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 25	C'burg-S'mp'tn
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PRESIDENT HAYES ... Mar. 29th, 6.00 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	... "EINSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Mar., at Noon
BANDAKAN	... "CHIPSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Mar., at Noon
TIENSIN	... "YUENSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Mar., at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE	... "HOPSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	... "HOPSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN via SWATOW	... "PAUSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	... "FOOKSANG"	Saturday, 26th Mar., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "KUTSANG"	Sunday, 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	... "HOPSANG"	Sunday, 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW	... "HOPSANG"	Sunday, 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	... "KWONGSANG"	Wednesday, 30th Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	... "SUISANG"	Saturday, 2nd April, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "MAUSANG"	Thursday, 7th April, at 3 p.m.
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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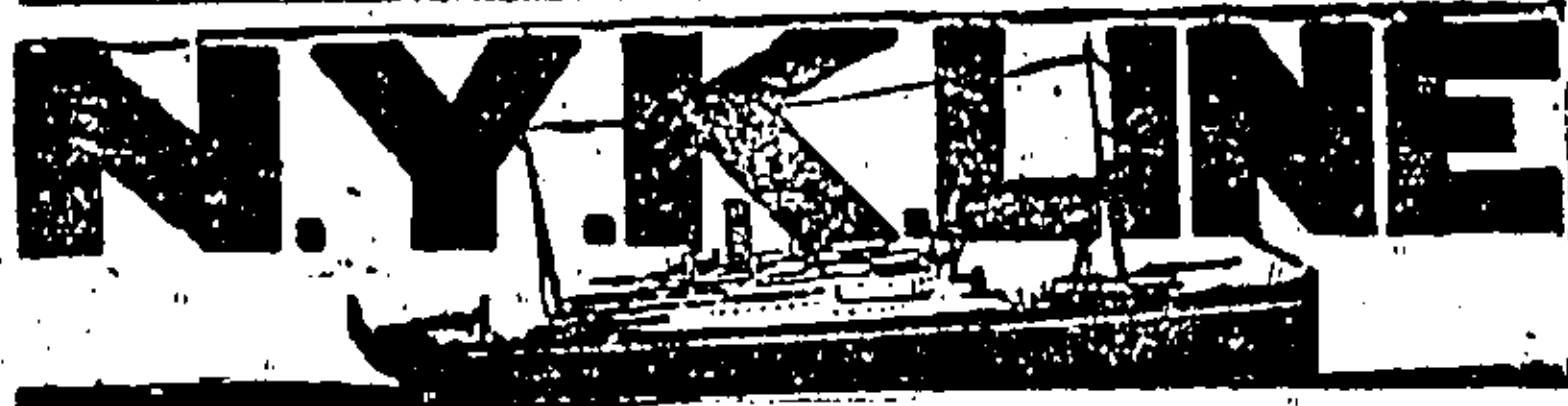
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NAGANO MARU	Sunday, 20th March
GENOA MARU	Sunday, 27th March

RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOMIUBA MARU	Friday, 25th March
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	

AKI MARU

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	
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S.S. "OLDENBURG"	sailing from here on or about 22nd March
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL & THROUGH CARGOES DOWN.

ENTRIES HEAVY.

Though heavy entries were registered during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns showed that both local-imports of general cargoes and those carried in ports beyond Hong Kong were considerably below the average.

General merchandise discharged here amounted to 9,903 tons. Of these, 9,648 tons were unloaded from three British steamers. The two best returns were shown by the a.s. *Kiungchow* and the Chinese vessel *Ming Hao*. The former arriving from Kobeichang was responsible for 2,370 tons and the latter vessel also from Kobeichang discharged 2,100 tons.

In addition to the above, shipments of 5,289 tons of coal and 3,001 tons of rice were also imported.

Through freights, which were on the manifest of only five vessels, amounted to 9,403 tons. Two British steamers accounted for 1,170 tons. The two best returns were 4,397 tons on the *President Cleveland*, arriving here from San Pedro and Shanghai, and 3,312 tons on the Japanese steamer *Atsuta Maru*, which passed through here from Yokohama and Moji.

There was also a shipment of coal for other ports amounting to 2,600 tons.

During the period under review, there were 20 arrivals and 13 departures. The nationalities were: British, 6 arrivals and 8 departures; Japanese, 8 arrivals and 3 departures; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Chinese, 6 arrivals and 2 departures; Dutch, 1 departure; French, 1 departure; German, 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and 2 departures.

The total number of vessels in port was 71, of which, 21 were British.

The following were the cargo carriers:

S.S. *City of Calcutta* (British) from Chinwangtao and Shanghai, 15 tons general for Hong Kong and 780 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kiungchow* (British) from Kobeichang, 2,370 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Anking* (British) from Singapore and Amoy, 281 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Chusan* (British) from Canton, 450 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Yinghai* (British) from Sibetiki, North Borneo, 2,500 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *President Cleveland* (American) from San Pedro and Shanghai, 890 tons general for Hong Kong and 4,397 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Prinsesse* (Norwegian) from Keelung, 602 tons coal for Hong Kong and 1,100 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Atsuta Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji, 713 tons general for Hong Kong and 3,312 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kokuka Maru* (Japanese) from Canton, 45 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Delhi Maru* (Japanese) from Takao and Shanghai, 504 tons for Hong Kong and 814 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Taihai Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung, 1,670 tons coal for (Continued on next column).

SHIPPING NOTES.

H.M. Royal Fleet Auxiliary *Belgo* left Hong Kong yesterday morning for Northern waters with naval stores aboard.

The total number of deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,184.

According to a notice issued by the Chief Staff Officer of H.M.S. *Problecher*, Field Gun practice will be carried out at Stonecutters Island, at targets erected on Chang Hui (Taishan 1) at 1,400, on Thursday, March 24th. If the practice is it will take place the next day, March 25th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. and Apcar a.s. *Janus* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 16th inst., and is due here on the afternoon of the 23rd.

The P. & O. Company's a.s. *Devanha* left Singapore for Hong Kong on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 6 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Sunday, the 20th inst., at about 6 a.m.

Hong Kong and 1,500 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kaiyo Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow, 900 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Ming Hao* (Chinese) from Bangkok and Kobeichang, 2,100 tons rice and cement for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Lee Cheung* (Chinese) from Shanmei, 2 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Huachang* (Chinese) from Hong Kong, 3,001 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Tai Hai* (Chinese) from Amoy, 3 tons general for Hong Kong.

The Chinese who was charged with entering the cabin of a lady passenger on the a.s. *President Cleveland* was sentenced yesterday to two months' hard labour by Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court.

The man when first charged on Wednesday denied that he had a previous conviction against him. Evidence was given yesterday by Sub-Inspector E. A. Vincent, who produced defendant's record to show that he had served a sentence of three weeks in August last for unlawful possession.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Arafura (E. & S.), due April 4th. *Calchas* (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

Delta (P. & O.), due March 31st. *Devanha* (P. & O.), due March 20th, about 8 a.m.

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due to-day.

Eumaeus (Blue Funnel), due March 24th.

Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 7th.

Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

Janus (B.I. & Apcar), due March 23rd.

Jeppore (P. & O.), due April 12th.

Labore (P. & O.), due March 26th.

Mongolia (P. & O.), due to-day, 8 a.m.

Malwa (P. & O.), due March 31st.

President Madison (D.S. and A.M.L.), due March 30th.

St. Albans (E. & A.), due March 29th.

Teceta (B.I. & Apcar), due March 29th.

Tilawa (B.I. & Apcar), due March 29th.

MARINE COURT.

INTRUDER ON LADIES' CABIN SENTENCED.

The Chinese who was charged with entering the cabin of a lady passenger on the a.s. *President Cleveland* was sentenced yesterday to two months' hard labour by Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court.

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